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Singing priest is just the tonic for care home residents

RESIDENTS at a Skelmersdale care home have been enjoying a prescription with a difference aimed at improving their wellbeing and bringing the community together.

Singing priest and GP, Reverend Dr Anne Kazich took her guitar and song book along to the Aaron Crest Care Home, in Tanhouse Road to lead renditions of classic hymns and songs.

The repertoire served up by the community priest in the parish of St Paul's, Skelmersdale included Amazing Grace, Que Sera Sera, Take Me Home Country Roads and My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean.

Residents, staff and visitors all joined in with the singalong before being asked to take an autumn leaf, picked from outside, and describe the thoughts and memories they elicited.

Home manager, Adrienne Ratcliffe, said "The aim of the singing sessions is to improve wellbeing and bring people together from across the community.

"Everyone had a wonderful time with lots of song and laughter and they are looking forward to the next session."

The singalong sessions are open to anyone, with the next taking place at 3pm on Thursday, November 22.

Rev Dr Anne Kazich performing at Aaron Crest Care Home.

FOODBANK HELPERS FEAR WINTER CRISIS

Skelmersdale and District Foodbank manager Brenda Lowe fears that more people will be seeking its help as winter bites.

Charity has handed out nearly 1,000 emergency supplies from April to September and warn cold weather will only increase demand

Report by **Henry James**

HELPERS at Skelmersdale and District Foodbank have expressed concern that they have provided nearly 1,000 three-day emergency food supplies to local people between April 1 and September 30 this year with nearly 350 of those going to children.

And volunteers at the foodbank, a member of the Trussell Trust's network which has this week reported a UK-wide increase in foodbank use, fear that its help will be needed even more in the coming months as the colder weather draws in.

The figures are a 6.18% increase on the same period last year and officials at the charity believe the local increase is a result of people struggling with benefit delays and changes including issues with the Government's controversial rollout of Universal Credit.

Skelmersdale Foodbank shares the concerns of other foodbanks in The Trussell Trust's network about the new benefits system.

The foodbank has been called upon to give emergency food and support to people who are waiting weeks for a first Universal Credit payment and are unable to access support or are receiving payments that don't even cover the cost of essentials.

Brenda Lowe, manager of Skelmersdale and District Foodbank, said: "It's a real concern that in only six months we've provided 927emergency supplies to local people.

"And these figures are not for our busiest time of year - as the colder weather draws in, we often find more people needing our help.

"It's not right that anyone in the Skelmersdale area is being forced to turn to our foodbank. Our volunteers offer vital support when it matters most, but they should not need to.

"We want to see an end to local people needing emergency food. With a benefits system that catches people before they fall into crisis and secure work that provides people with enough money to cover the cost of essentials, we could reach that future.

"We are determined to make sure that until that time comes, emergency help is here for people, but we don't want to be here forever."

Meanwhile the foodbank is particularly in need of coffee, tinned fruit and vegetables, sponge puddings and long-life fruit juice. And the charity has asked for festive donations to be donated in early December at the latest, to ensure volunteers have enough time to process and distribute them in time for Christmas.

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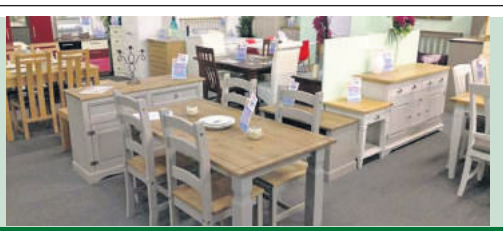

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'Don't be tempted to borrow from loan sharks' warning

WITH Christmas on the way-bringing with it the pressure to splash out on gifts, West Lancs Council is urging residents in the borough to resist borrowing cash from loan sharks.

Illegal money lenders who often target families on low income, they might seem friendly to start with, but the authority warns that borrowing money from them is never a good idea - even if your credit rating is poor or you only need a small amount of money for a short while.

Anyone borrowing from loan sharks is likely to pay far more interest than they would through legal borrowing, while some resort to intimidation and violence to enforce repayment, often pressuring clients into borrowing more money to repay one debt with another.

The borough council offers a free, independent and confidential Money Advice Service to council tenants. Advisers can help with debt problems, and offer advice on how to manage bills, claim benefits, and negotiate debt payment programmes.

They can also advise people on alternatives to loan sharks, such as Credit Unions. Knowsley Mutual Credit Union, www.knowsleymutualcu.co.uk, is one that operates in West Lancashire.

Councillor Jennifer Forshaw says: "Don't fall into the loan sharks trap."

For more details visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/money-advice. To use the service email moneyadvice@westlancs.gov.uk or call the team on 01695 585230.

Appointments can be made for home visits or at the council's customer service points in Skelmersdale or Ormskirk.

Non council tenants can contact Citizens Advice on 0344 245 1294 or call in to Citizens Advice Lancashire West in unit 47 at the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale. Their website is www.citizensadvicelancashirewest.org.uk.

Councillor Jennifer Forshaw, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for housing and landlord services, said: "The festive season is a time when we want to buy nice presents for our family or go all out to make Christmas Day really special and if you are short of money and struggling for credit, then going to a loan shark can be tempting.

Problems

"In the long run though this can create massive problems for you and your family. So if you are one of our tenants please call our Money Advice Service so you don't fall into the loan shark trap."

Although some loan sharks might threaten people with prosecution and the possibility of going to prison if they don't pay, this is not true.

As unlicensed lenders loan sharks have no legal right to recover the debt.

And any lender, licensed or not, who harasses people is breaking the law.

To report a loan shark problem and get help you can call the Government hotline on 0300 555 2222; email: reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk; or text LOAN SHARK and the lender's details to 60003.

Car salesman caught driving at 105mph on the M58 had taken cocaine

A CAR salesman caught speeding at 105mph on a motorway was also found to be over the drug-driving limit.

Martin Bullen, 24, of Ennerdale, Skelmersdale, pleaded guilty to exceeding the 70mph speed limit of the M58 and also to driving with 211 micrograms of benzoylecgonine per litre of blood when he appeared at Sefton Magistrates Court on Wednesday, October 31.

Benzoylecgonine is produced in the liver on the breakdown of cocaine. The 'legal limit' when driving is 50 micrograms per litre of blood.

Lynn Clark, prosecuting, said that it was just after 8pm on August 9 when an officer observing traffic on the M58 became aware of Bullen's Kia Ceed.

"The officer records that he was driving at 105mph on the motorway," she said, "As a result the officer stops the vehicle and he is tested at the roadside for drugs and is positive for cocaine.

"He is cautioned and arrested and taken to the police station where he provides a sample of blood for tests."

Miss Clark informed the court that Bullen had one previous conviction, dating from 2016, for possession with intent to supply class B drugs, for which he was given a fine.

Solicitor Jim Smith said Bullen was a car salesman and that he would lose his job. He had taken cocaine one or two days before the incident, he said.

"There was no evidence of impairment of driving other than that the aggravating feature is that he was speeding in the vehicle," Mr Smith said.

"At the time of the incident because he'd had a split from his partner and because he was not seeing his eight-month-old child he was feeling rather low. That probably led to him abusing drugs at the time.

"He is certainly no longer taking drugs. Thankfully he also has some contact with his child.

"However, the loss of his job is a hit. The consequence will be felt for a long time after today."

The magistrates fined him £270, ordered that he pay £115 in costs and victim surcharge, and banned him from driving for 18 months.

Fire at former college building

A FIRE at the former college building at Yewdale, Skelmersdale is being treated as a suspected arson.

Fire crews from Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and three appliances from Greater Manchester (Wigan, Leigh and Hindley) attended reports of a fire in the open near a disused commercial building after 4am on Thursday, November 1.

When they arrived at the incident they found the fire involved a disused college building.

The fire was on the ground floor of the property and had spread to the second floor at one end of the building.

Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus were committed to the building to tackle the fire using two hose reels.

At 7.24am the fire had been declared extinguished and the number of fire engines at the scene was reduced to three. This was to ensure that any remaining hotspots were dampened down so as to ensure there would be no flare ups.

A spokesman for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The fire is believed to have been started deliberately and as such a joint investigation alongside colleagues from Lancashire Constabulary is now underway."

Firefighters stayed on the scene on Thursday morning and carried out a fire investigation on the same day.

Cash stolen in petrol station robbery

POLICE are appealing for information after a man stole cash during a petrol station robbery in Skelmersdale.

Around 9.20pm on Saturday (November 3) a man entered the Shell garage on Grimshaw Road.

He approached the counter and demanded money from the till, with the cashier handing the offender £140.

The man made off from the scene on footpaths in the direction of Windrows and Willow Hey.

The offender is described as white, aged around 40-years-old, dressed in a dark coat with hood up, lighter tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Police are appealing for information following the incident.

Det Con Kelly Rosenthal, of Skelmersdale CID, said: "We have launched an investigation following a robbery in Skelmersdale.

"A man has entered a petrol station and threatened a staff member before making off with cash.

"If you saw anything unusual or suspicious, please call police immediately."

The Shell garage on Grimshaw Road

Anyone with information can Skelmersdale CID on (01695) 566165 quoting log 1527 of November 3. Alternatively people can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Bricks and fireworks thrown at police on Mischief Night

But reported incidents of anti social behaviour were down on last year

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE say incidents of criminal and antisocial behaviour in West Lancs on so-called Mischief Night were down this year - despite officers having bricks and fireworks thrown at them!

Reports of arson, criminal damage and antisocial behaviour in the borough on the night before Halloween (Tuesday, October 30) were down by 40%, 35% and 49% respectively.

In Skelmersdale there were a number of incidents in the Egerton and Ennerdale areas where yobs threw stones at police staff and vehicles.

Following this a dispersal notice was issued for Tanhouse so people could be instructed to leave the area with a power of arrest for those refusing to do so or returning to the area.

There was also a report stones being thrown off the bridge on Tanhouse Road as well as youths causing a nuisance on Ivybridge.

Police also seized eggs from youths in Inglewhite. The shop where they were bought was visited and officers found out that a mother of one of the youths had bought them on their behalf.

Meanwhile Ormskirk Police reported incidents of youths throwing fireworks and other items.

Following this officers authorised a dispersal notice under the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This gives officers the power to order people out of the area, with a power of arrest for those that refuse or return within the time limit, it also gives them the power to seize any item believed to be for antisocial behaviour.

Elsewhere a wheelie bin was set on fire in Mark Square in Tarleton and fireworks thrown at police horses which were deployed.

Following the incident at Mark Square a youth was arrested for possession of an offensive weapon, a knuckle duster.

Overall though Sergeant Darren Carr from Lancashire Police said crime on Mischief Night in the borough was down compared to other years.

He said: "Throughout the year we deal with youths who are involved in antisocial behaviour and minor crime, these youths have a number of interventions from our early action teams to address their behaviour and prevent it escalating.

Mounted officers at Burscough Wharf on Mischief Night

"On the run-up to the annual operation, these youths, and their parents, are visited by police officers, while local shops are also visited and advised about the sale of a number of items that have been used for antisocial behaviour in the past.

"Our staff report any discarded items they find on their beats that could be used as missiles, to the council who remove them for us.

"We also work with Lancashire Fire and Rescue to target at-risk premises and conduct other interventions.

"And we do Early Action work with the schools around education of the youths and several teachers joined us on this year's operation.

"On the evening we bring in extra resources from other areas of South Division and specialist departments such as mounted and tactical operations.

"Having just received the figures for the October 30 this year and last year, despite the pockets of antisocial behaviour that I reported via our Facebook page, there has been a significant reduction on previous years with reports of arson down by 40%, criminal damage down by 35% and reports of antisocial behaviour down by 49%.

"I appreciate those communities that were within the pockets of disorder will not feel the reductions but we will be doing everything we can to reduce this further in future years.

"Once again I would like to thank the public for their continued support, our partner agencies who do a lot of unseen work behind the scenes, the shop staff who support us by implementing our recommendations and my staff who continue to work hard for the people of West Lancashire."

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Voluntary groups urged to apply *now* for council revenue grants

Deadline for applications is just over a fortnight away

COMMUNITY, charity and voluntary organisations in West Lancashire are being invited to apply for revenue grants from the borough council - but they need to get a move on with the deadline for applications Friday, November 23.

The council will consider applications from registered charities, voluntary groups, community interest companies and social enterprises that operate for public benefit.

This pot of money is just for those operating in and serving the residents of West Lancashire. Previous recipients include CVS, CAB, Dial a Ride, Homestart and Bereavement Counselling Services.

The total budget available is £136,000. The council wishes to receive applications from voluntary organisations for a specific purpose and therefore did not wish to impose any minimum or maximum limit on the amount groups could apply for.

Councillor Claire Cooper

If an application is approved, funding will be granted for the 2019-2020 financial year.

Councillor Claire Cooper, the council's portfolio holder with responsibility for grants to voluntary, community and charity organisations, said: "The council is extremely aware of the huge impact many of these groups have on the West Lancashire community and would like to support them as much as we can. With an ever-shrinking council budget, we're trying our best to continue this funding stream for the benefit of our residents. We are keen to receive applications from organisations operating in West Lancashire, however small or large."

For more information, including clear criteria and an application form, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/grants.

Groups can also get more information and an application form by contacting Sue Griffiths on 01695 585097 or by email at susan.griffiths@westlancs.gov.uk.

Free specialist clean-up for park memorial

GRANVILLE Park war memorial in Aughton has been given a free clean-up in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.

The work was undertaken by Specialist UK Restorations on behalf of Aughton Parish Council.

The First World War memorial, with Second World War additions, in the Garden of Remembrance at Granville Park is a Grade II listed structure.

It was unveiled on February 11 1922 by the 17th Earl of Derby; rededicated on October 16 1948; and restored and rededicated in 2001.

A spokesperson for Specialist UK Restorations said: "As both of our directors live in Aughton and as it is for a good cause we offered to carry out these works free of charge. The company wanted to give something back to the local community."

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Community group recognised for work with Forces veterans

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Ark CIC, which is based in Skelmersdale, has been voted one of the top three organisations in Lancashire by Greater Manchester and Lancashire Royal British Legion and nominated for the Support to the Armed Forces Community Organisation (Third Sector) Award.

Centre West Lancs Ark works with a wide variety of clients. They have an open door policy and aim to see anyone one who wants assistance.

A spokesperson for the Ark said: "The Ark has worked tirelessly with our veterans this year and has been successful in helping with rehoming, training, voluntary work employment and placing in further education.

"All of this would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers and the support of our local councillors who also provided funding to help us with this work.

"Any veterans in need of support please contact us at the Ecumenical Centre for any further information - we offer help and support to veterans of any age."

West Lancs Ark director Jan Monaghan with volunteers Terry Devine and Barry Powell.

Grateful

Lee, who has served in the Royal Green Jackets for 12 years, has used Ark's services.

He said: "Upon discharge I found it difficult to adjust to civilian life and was unable to hold down a job and my marriage broke down.

"This resulted in me becoming homeless and I was also suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"I found it difficult to access mental health services and I was not a priority for housing. Hwever, another vet told me about West Lancs Ark and since engaging with them they have helped me access mental health services and put me in touch with the Legion who have helped me furnish a home that the Ark helped me find.

"They continue to assist me and I am grateful for their support, they do a fantastic job and I cannot praise them enough.

"I would encourage any vet or friend of a vet who needs help to get in touch."

Meanwhile the group has recently won the Best Community Support Initiative – Lancashire Award from the 2018 North West Enterprise Awards hosted by SME-News.

A spokesperson for West Lancs Ark CIC said: "We are very proud of this achievement for our work with the local community.

"The Ark offer support and help for homelessness, unemployment, ex-offenders, those recovering from substance misuse and veterans.

"Successes involve re-homing, training, volunteering and career opportunities, as well as placing in further education. We rely on grants, donations of money and essential items, volunteers and support from the local community. If you think you or your organisation could help us, please get in touch with us at the Ecumenical Centre."

National girls footy tournament to be held in June

COACHES at Skem Athletic Football Club have announced they will be hosting their 12th National Girls Tournament on June 22 and 23 of 2019.

The event takes place once again at the JMO Sports Park Skelmersdale.

Mike Vella, organiser at the event said: "Teams from all over the UK and Northern Ireland will be participating in a weekend of football.

"Our event is regarded by many as one of the best Girls tournament in the UK.

"We run our event in association with CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). The money we raise over the weekend goes to get local children free heart screenings."

The event is FA sanctioned. If people are interested or would like more details they should email Mike Vella at mevell1@hotmail.com or telephone 07753329565.

The age groups are as follows: Sat, June 22 Under 9 (five a side); Under 10 (7 a side); Under 11s,12s,13s (9 a side). On Sun, June 23 - Under 14,15,16-18 (9 a side), open age (11 a side).

Organisers have said that accommodation can be arranged at "great rates" for people who are not from the town. They add that Liverpool is very popular and only a short journey away.

Mike added: "Last year more than 1,200 players attended over the two days. Sky Sports also attended and broadcast live through out the day. Our social media page, Skem Athletic National Tournament, has lots of further details regarding our tournament.

"Due to the success of our event places go very quickly, so if you are interested please don't delay in signing up."

Skem-based hygiene and health products company invites schools to take part in broadcast to learn about apprenticeships

SCHOOLS in Skelmersdale are being invited to take part in a live question and answer broadcast with apprentices working at hygiene and health company Essity, to take a glimpse into life as an apprentice.

Essity, which has a mill in Skelmersdale, recruits approximately 70 apprentices a year in a range of engineering roles including electrical and mechanical engineering across the country.

The company has been growing its own talent through an award-winning apprenticeship scheme since 2004.

During the broadcast, students and teachers can speak directly to apprenticeship employers and their apprentices live online.

Participants will hear about the latest opportunities on offer, the skills employers are looking for and how students can best prepare themselves for working life after school or college.

Ruth Moxon, talent acquisition country manager at Essity, said: "The live broadcast is a fantastic way for students to find out more about the opportunities to work in a global company, just on their doorstep.

"We would encourage schools to take part and get in touch with us to discuss apprenticeships".

The broadcast, funded by the National Apprenticeship Service and part of the Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge for Schools (ASK) project, will be streamed directly to schools on individual PCs or tablets; an interactive whiteboard in a classroom; or a projector during assembly.

Insight

Secondary schools and colleges across England have signed up to be part of the broadcasts.

Sue Husband, director at the National Apprenticeship Service, added: "These live broadcasts will give young people considering an apprenticeship real insight into what it's like to be an apprentice and what's required in the workplace today.

"We have some fantastic employers lined up to give their vision of what qualities an apprentice needs to bring to the role and the brilliant opportunities they can expect.

"These broadcasts will reach thousands of young people and will really give them a taste for how far they can go with an apprenticeship."

Schools looking to sign up to a live broadcast or view previous recordings on catch up should visit: http://amazingapprenticeships.com/live-broadcasts

Essity is a global hygiene and health company that develops, produces and sells personal care, consumer tissue and professional hygiene products and solutions.

The company has 48,000 employees and sales are conducted in approximately 150 countries.

Applications for 2019 apprenticeships start this month.

The outside of the house which was transformed for Halloween.

Pals' Halloween fundraiser serves up a welcome boost for Blossom's Legacy

A SPECIAL Halloween fundraiser in memory of a Skelmersdale youngster who died in a tragic accident while on holiday has raised more than £200 - with more donations still to come.

Friends Laura McCarthy, Steff McKenzie and Andrew Scully came up with the idea to raise money for Blossom's Legacy, the charity set up following the accidental drowning of four-year-old, Blossom Iris Kelly, in Spain in August 2016.

The pals set about transforming the outside of Laura's home in Elmstead, Tanhouse - starting at 7.30am and only finishing at 4pm - and set up a stall selling hot dogs.

And they were delighted at the response from the local community.

Laura said: "To date we have raised £218.99 but still some have donations to collect.

"We decided to raise funds for Blossom's Legacy as my children went to school with Blossom.

"There was a huge turnout. I bought 250 hot dogs and buns and we sold all of them.

"We even had a visit from firefighters from Skem Fire Station in a fire engine who kindly donated.

"We would like to thank them and everyone who came and donated - we can't wait for next year!"

Steff added: "Laura loves Halloween, so she really enjoyed transforming her house. We all had good fun decorating the house and Blossom's dad turned up as well."

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Council CCTV cameras assisted in more than 100 'incidents' per week in the last year

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancs Council-operated CCTV cameras observed and assisted in more than 100 'incidents' a week and have helped police arrest 236 people in the past year, the authority's annual report for 2017/18 shows.

Over the past seven years the council has invested in community CCTV and expanded the scheme to install cameras in areas of priority.

There are currently 106 community cameras which are monitored 24 hours a day 365 days each year from a site in Ormskirk by contractor Enigma Security Solutions Ltd.

As well as within council buildings, cameras are located at Ormskirk town centre, Burscough Industrial Estate, Burscough village, and Skelmersdale. There are also cameras monitoring rural locations, including Aughton, Parbold, Hesketh Bank, Tarleton, Banks, Rufford, Scarisbrick, Halsall, Mere Brow and Downholland.

The report states that cameras are 'appropriately located' and there are no plans to expand the service.

Key achievements highlighted in the report include the following (last year's figures in brackets):

- In total CCTV staff observed and assisted with 5,633 'incidents', more than 100 a week (6,045).
- Operators helped police officers arrest 236 people in West Lancashire (282).
- Staff have assisted with 405 missing/vulnerable person responses (525).
- They were involved in observing 703 cash deliveries/collections to ensure they were carried out without incident (758).

Operators also identified 1,634 incidents themselves through their general monitoring (1,637).

Specific incidents recorded by operators include antisocial behaviour (450), vandalism (87), traffic-related issues (776), drink and drug-related activity (429), suspicious activity (605), sexual offences (20) and burglaries (110).

The majority of the incidents occurred in Ormskirk (3,164) followed by Skelmersdale (1,305). More than 60% of the observations were a result of police information (3,444).

The report notes that while operators were involved in fewer incidents/observations, in comparison to the previous year, the outcomes leading to results were broadly similar.

There was a noticeable reduction in the number of 'no trace' and 'all in order' outcomes, and it is suggested that information reported was generally of more relevance than previously.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "The report outlines the tremendous work that goes on with our CCTV operators in partnership with the police. Their experience and close working relationship with the police helps to ensure we achieve great results from our system.

"These cameras have helped combat crime and to reduce the fear of crime within our communities."

The full report is available on the council's website via the following link www.westlancs.gov.uk/cctvreport. For more information on the council's CCTV system visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/cctv.

In 2016, West Lancs Council's CCTV system was awarded a five-year Certificate of Compliance by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner. This certifies that the council's CCTV system is managed appropriately and that the information gathered from the cameras is used in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Surveillance Code of Practice guidelines.

One of the issues the council must have due regard to is the privacy of private residents. The software that is used allows for parts of the CCTV image to be completely blanked out. There are several existing cameras where privacy settings are installed to completely blank out windows or whole houses so that residents' privacy is ensured.

Veterans busy in run-up to Remembrance Sunday

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association have been even busier than usual in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday selling poppies at Asda supermarket and the Concourse.

And chairman, Alan Lewis, and members Billy Duncan and Jimmy Matthews have also been delivering poppy packs to local primary schools and retail unit across the town.

Members of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association with local police officers at their poppy stall at Asda.

Meanwhile the association has said that there will be Silent Soldier silhouettes on display at Skelmersdale library in Southway and St Richard's RC Church in Liverpool Road.

The near-lifesize silhouettes depicting a First World War 'Tommy' are being placed sites throughout the country in memory of those who 'came home silently' from the war.

Members of the association will be visiting local primary schools this month dressed in re-enactment uniforms of their own regiments to show the youngsters. They will also be calling at care homes in the town.

Anyone wishing to arrange a visit from the association can contact Alan Lewis on 07939 660 048.

Mr Lewis said: "The association have been overwhelmed by the response of members of the public at Asda with people donating different items, including a Royal Marine hat, a cap badge, a regiment shield, a regiment belt buckle and other pieces of equipment.

"We are also grateful to the many shoppers who have given generously to the poppy appeal."

Students and staff from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College visiting Columbus Circle in New York.

Skem college students enjoy a taste of 'The Big Apple'!

A PARTY of 34 students from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in Skelmersdale have recently returned from an 'experience-packed' six-day visit to New York.

The Year 11 group enjoyed exploring the length and breadth of Manhattan, covering an average of 13 miles per day - mostly on foot.

Their sightseeing tour of this iconic urban jungle saw them visit numerous world-famous landmarks including the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Wall Street, Ground Zero, Broadway, 5th Avenue, the Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, Time Square, Central Park, Greenwich Village, Little Italy and Chinatown!

They also enjoyed a fun-packed day ice skating in Central Park followed by tea at the Hard Rock Café.

Trip leader, Mrs Sue Quane, said: "It was, once again, a pleasure to be able to take our students on a trip that gives them such a unique and potentially life-changing experience.

"We live in an ever-growing competitive and accessible world so trips like this for our students can prove invaluable as they consider and plan their future. Such an experience for a 15/16 year old could quite easily influence the career path they choose.

"As well as visiting landmarks and seeing the iconic architecture of New York City, the students got to experience the local, diverse culture and 'immerse' themselves into life in the 'city that never sleeps'.

"Our Lady Queen of Peace has offered this trip to Year 11 students for several years now and, once again, the students have been a real credit to their families and to our school as they fully embraced the packed, exhilarating experience of New York."

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Borough remembers...

Council announces details of civic services and parades to mark Remembrance Sunday

WEST Lancashire will once again join the rest of the country in paying tribute to the brave people who have suffered or lost their lives serving their country at Remembrance Parades and Services throughout the borough on Sunday, November 11.

This year's services will be especially poignant marking the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney, who will be attending services in Ormskirk and Burscough, said: "Remembrance Sunday is an extremely important occasion when we come together to honour brave men and women who have died in the service of their country.

"As this year is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One I would urge people to make a special effort to attend a service or parade near you."

Details of civic services in the borough are:

Ormskirk: The Mayor will attend, accompanied by West Lancs Council chief executive, Kim Webber.

The parade will assemble at St Anne's RC Church at 9.35am for a short service starting at 9.50am, including a minute's silence, Last Post and Reveille.

Then at 10am the parade will march to the war memorial in Coronation Park for a service. There will be a minute's silence, Last Post, laying of wreaths and Reveille.

At 10.20am the parade will move on to Ormskirk Parish Church for the main Service of Remembrance, which will start at 10.45am. A salute will be taken outside the parish church at 11.30am.

Afterwards tea and biscuits will be served in the New Church Hall.

Skelmersdale: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gaynar Owen, accompanied by the director of housing & inclusion, Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, will join the parade marching from Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale at 10.35am to the war memorial on Sandy Lane for a service and wreath-laying ceremony at 11am.

Skelmersdale war memorial where a service and wreath-laying ceremony will be held at 11am on Remembrance Sunday.

This will include a minute's silence, Last Post and Reveille.

Light refreshments will be available after the service at the Wardens' Club, Blaguegate Lane, Skelmersdale.

Burscough: The Mayor will attend the parade and service.

The parade will assemble outside Legion headquarters in Lord Street, Burscough at 1.30pm and march off at 1.45pm to arrive at the war memorial in Junction Lane at 2pm, where a wreath will be laid and a short service will take place.

A church service will be held at St John's Church in Burscough at 2.45pm.

Afterwards refreshments will be provided at Legion headquarters.

In addition, parish councils in Aughton, Lathom and Up Holland are arranging parades and ceremonies and services will be held at many churches in the borough.

Meanwhile on Saturday, November 10 at the HMS Ringtail Monument in Burscough there will be a short service and a two-minute silence starting at 10.30am after which wreaths will be laid.

Guests should gather at around 10am. All are welcome.

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Beacon Park golfers fear course alterations could scupper competition hopes

Report by **Henry James**

ANGRY golfers at Beacon Park have enlisted the help of Rosie Cooper to voice their frustration over ongoing alterations to the course which they fear could prevent them taking part in competitions.

Members are concerned West Lancs Council's decision to serve a Breach of Condition Notice to course managers Serco will result in further disruption.

The notice is to force Serco to move the rubble from its current location on the old driving range to another part of the golf course which could change its specifications.

In particular the club's seniors, who won the South West Lancashire League last year, fear this will scupper any chance they have of competing in this year's league, as alterations might mean the course spec will not meet Council Of National Golf Unions rules.

Seniors captain, Mike Collins, said: "All we want is for an end to the many years of messing around from Serco and the council and let us get back to what we enjoy and do well - playing golf.

"Hopefully, Serco and the council can come to some conclusion now which means we can get on with preparations for the season ahead."

MP Rosie Cooper with Beacon Park Golf Course members

West Lancs MP Ms Cooper said: "The members have long suffered due to the mess involved with Serco and the landfill and now they may be forced out of competing if the rubble starts being transferred to another part of the course and re-profiling taking place.

"The message from the golfers is clear - they don't need any further disruption and if Serco have breached their planning conditions by filling the mounds too high then it is their responsibility to remove it from the course altogether and pay for its disposal elsewhere.

"The council now need to work with Serco and come up with a solution whereby they will not be in breach of their planning conditions and where the members are not further penalised."

A borough council spokesperson responded: "The council sympathises with club members about their concerns.

"Earlier this year the council issued a 'Breach of Condition Notice' in relation to the former driving range area due to the works on site being significantly different from that shown on the plans approved by the council. Material has been deposited in three locations on the golf course - the former driving range, alongside the first fairway and the new nine-hole course.

"Whilst the total amount of material deposited is within the limits allowed under the planning consent, larger amounts of material have been deposited than shown on the approved plans in the areas in question. It is only in the case of the former driving range, however, that the non-compliance with the approved plan is deemed so significant as to warrant the council taking action.

Disruption

"The council fully expects a positive resolution of the matter. If however, the Breach of Condition Notice is not fully complied with, then the council would need to decide on what action to take in response.

"The council's decision in this regard will ultimately depend on what progress had been made by Serco and their proposals and time scale for addressing any outstanding matters."

A Serco spokesman commented: "Serco have been working closely with the council for some months in order to resolve their concerns with the present format of the course. We believe a solution has been found which will be acceptable to the council.

"Unfortunately there will be some disruption to the facilities when the re-profiling work gets under way, which we very much regret, but every effort will be made to minimise interference so that the course remains viable at all times."

Care home residents set to enjoy a bit of Oomph!

RESIDENTS at a Skelmersdale care home are set to benefit from a bit of Oomph!

Staff at the Birch Green Care Home in Ivydale have taken part in a programme designed by the Oomph! Wellness company which aims to 'positively change the impact of ageing.'

The initiative involves three key services - exercise classes, creative activities and engaging days out.

Gill Seddon, activities co-ordinator at Birch Green, said: "This is a fantastic initiative and we can't wait to have some fun with the residents, but most importantly boost their health. There are so many benefits, we can't wait to see the results."

The programme also includes a series of skills workshops, including Oomph Sport which aim to make exercise as engaging as possible, to encourage inactive residents to take up physical activity and try something new or rediscover lost passions.

Residents are now able to play clock cricket, slipper soccer and armchair volleyball - sports especially adapted to fit their needs and abilities, with the new content ensuring that exercise sessions are continually fresh and exciting.

Ben Allen, Oomph's founder and chief executive, said: "Oomph! is excited to be working with the team at Birch Green Care Home to bring awesome activities and engaging exercise classes to their wellbeing programme. We are delighted to be adding additional fun and engagement to resident activities, and working together to ensure that residents live a full life, for life."

Additional workshops include relaxation, culture and nature.

Vicky Sudworth, general manager at Birch Green, added: "We are delighted to introduce the Oomph! programme and I am looking forward to seeing some positive results. The staff can't wait to show everyone what they have learned."

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Virgin Care report celebrates 'achievements' in West Lancs

Report by **Kenny Parker**

VIRGIN Care has published its 'Quality Account' for West Lancashire charting what the company describes as its achievements in the first 12 months since taking over community health care services in the borough.

The decision to award the £65m health care contract to the Richard Branson-owned was criticised by West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper who expressed concerns about transparency of sub-contracting patient care to private companies.

There have also been a number of complaints about the service by patients. Among those featured in the Champion were a pensioner who said she was told she was no longer eligible for podiatry services and an 84-year-old blind Ormskirk resident who was struck off the podiatry register for missing one appointment after being rushed to hospital.

The report, which can be found online at www.virgincare.co.uk/quality-accounts-2018/#, says the company's achievements in West Lancs include an extension of opening times at the Skelmersdale Walk-in-Centre; the appointment of a specialist community Tissue Viability Nurse; and the 'falls car' initiative within the Community Emergency Response Team piloted to provide North West Ambulance Service and specialist Occupational Therapy teams with support to prevent people who have suffered a fall from being admitted to hospital unnecessarily.

Michelle Lee, managing director of West Lancashire Community and Urgent Care Services for Virgin Care, said: "We've delivered so much over the last 12 months and staff have reported a great deal of pride in what has been achieved.

"Much of this, which is reported on in the Quality Account, is a result of our dedicated colleagues and how we've worked together with different providers to deliver improved services which work well together."

However Rosie Cooper commented: "I have no confidence in a West Lancashire Virgin Healthcare report whose Executive Summary starts out describing its North Kent operations! This just shows how little care they put into their reports and services and confirms the many negative reports my constituents feed back to me.

"If they can't even get their report right, what hope have they got for getting the services right!"

Borough to join in national beacon-lighting ceremony to mark Armistice centenary

WEST Lancs Council chiefs are calling on residents in the borough to join thousands of people across the country in an extra event to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

At 7pm on Remembrance Sunday, November 11 a beacon will be lit at Beacon Country Park as the council joins more than 370 other local authorities and 1,000 beacon sites across the country in a collective act of respect and recognition.

Prior to the lighting of the beacons at 6.55pm the Last Post will be played across the country.

Following the lighting ceremony free refreshments will be available within Beacon Park's Visitor Centre where the council says a 'post-Armistice celebration feel' will be fostered.

West Lancs Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, a veteran of the armed forces, said: "We invite residents to come to this important event as West Lancashire joins others across the country to recognise the sacrifices made by people serving their country in World War One.

"Veterans' organisations, the borough council, a number of parish councils and local churches are organising Remembrance Sunday Services as a sombre mark of respect, and these are of special significance this year with 2018 being the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. While the lighting of the beacon is another mark of recognition, the event will have a post-Armistice celebration feel to mark the end of hostilities in the Great War."

Other tributes are being made to mark the centenary.

The council has arranged for a piper's tribute to play *When the Battle's O'er* in Coronation Park, Ormskirk at 6am to mark the time when the Armistice was signed 100 years ago.

And around the time of Remembrance Sunday the Clock Tower in Ormskirk and the Light Cube in Skelmersdale will be coloured red to show wider community respect for the commemorations.

The council has bought three Silent Soldier Silhouettes from the Royal British Legion, two of which have been placed at the war memorials in Skelmersdale and Burscough, and a third will be placed by the memorial in Ormskirk.

And it has worked with Up Holland Parish Council to re-gild the name plaques on the village war memorial. Planting has also taken place in memorial gardens in Burscough, Ormskirk and Skelmersdale to help them look even better for the day itself.

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Diabetic Eye Screening Programme moved

...but health chiefs reassure concerned patients Aintree switch is only a temporary measure

Report by **Henry James**

PATIENTS needing the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme at Ormskirk Hospital now have to travel to Aintree Hospital instead.

But health chiefs have moved to allay the concerns of West Lancs residents by stating that the switch is only a temporary measure.

Hospital bosses explained that the planned moving of the service within the Ormskirk site has been delayed due to IT difficulties.

Champion readers who use the facility contacted us to say that access to the service at Aintree could prove 'difficult' as people need to be screened are often advised not to drive if undergoing certain procedures.

Reader David Forfar wrote: "I am just wondering if your diabetic readers are aware that diabetic retinopathy screening is no longer on offer at Ormskirk Hospital. The diabetic team have moved to the main hospital and there is a note on the door of the centre saying the nearest screening is at Aintree.

"As you cannot drive for hours after this test this is going to make life more difficult for local people. Do we have to blame Virgin Care for messing everything up again."

A spokesperson for NHS England (Lancashire & South Cumbria) said: "The Diabetic Eye Screening Programme in West Lancashire has traditionally been located within the Diabetes Centre at Ormskirk Hospital. The wider diabetes service has recently moved to another part of the hospital site and it is intended that the Diabetic Eye Screening Programme will relocate with it.

"However, the move has been delayed due to IT difficulties and work is ongoing to resolve this as quickly as possible.

Ormskirk Hospital

"In the meantime, patients who would normally attend diabetic eye screening appointments at Ormskirk are being asked to attend at Aintree Hospital instead.

"We appreciate this may cause difficulties for a small number patients and we are working with the provider of the service to ensure that any patients who are unable to attend elsewhere are followed up and offered a further appointment when the service resumes at Ormskirk Hospital."

The Diabetic Eye Screening Programme (DESP) is provided by Aintree University Hospitals Trust. It has historically been delivered from the Diabetes Centre at Ormskirk Hospital, alongside the wider diabetes team.

Under a new provider (Virgin Care), the wider diabetes service offered at the centre has relocated to Bickerstaffe House on the Ormskirk Hospital site and it is intended that the DESP should also relocate in order to continue working alongside the diabetes team.

Due to the IT problems, the DESP stopped booking patients into the Ormskirk clinics at the beginning of September and, as a temporary arrangement, is offering appointments at Aintree Hospital. It is aimed to resume clinics at Ormskirk by the end of December.

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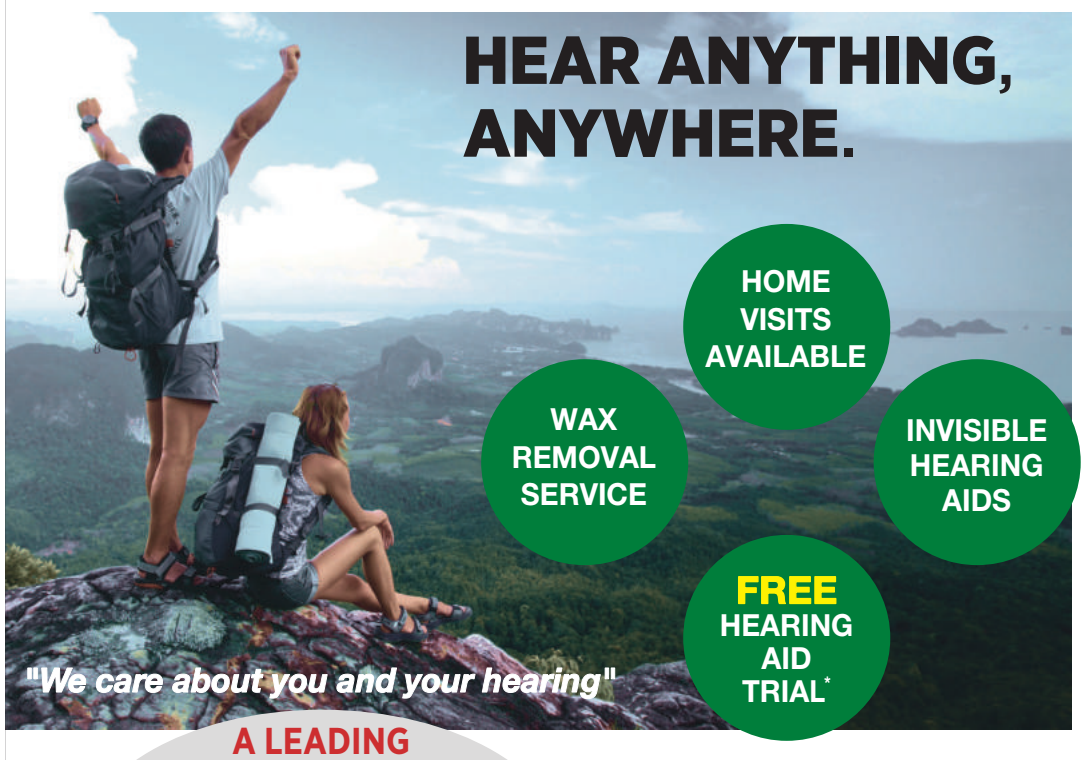

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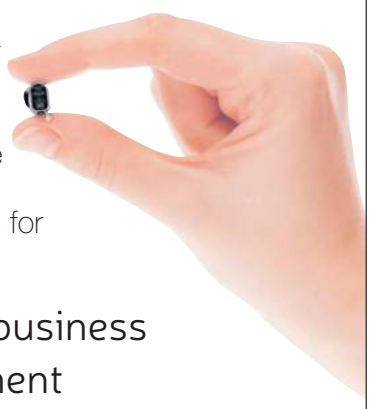

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Beware of 'fake poppy' fraudsters

MEMBERS of the public have been urged to be vigilant when buying poppies for Remembrance Day as fraudsters look to cash in on the occasion.

The Royal British Legion and Intellectual Property Office (IPO) are urging people to be careful as fake poppy merchandise is sold on the streets and online.

Claire Rowcliffe, the Royal British Legion's director of fundraising, said: "It is a sad fact that there are people who actively defraud the public in order to take funds intended for the support of our armed forces community. We would urge everyone wishing to purchase a Remembrance poppy brooch, to do so through official channels.."

Intellectual Property Minister Sam Gyimah said: "Together we can ensure donations go to the people they are intended for, by only supporting approved merchandise.

"Be vigilant when you are buying your poppies this year, and look out for the Royal British Legion logo to ensure the merchandise is approved and genuine."

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Builder's donations help spruce up Legion bowls club's historic green

MEMBERS of a village bowling club are celebrating improvements to their historic green - thanks to a donation by a national property developer.

The Lathom & Burscough Royal British Legion Bowling Club's green, which dates back to 1897, had long been in need of repair work.

And builders Redrow, who are creating a nearby development, The Grange, were only too happy to help, donating funds to revitalise the surface.

The donations have helped towards a programme of works involving spiking, top dressing, over-seeding, scarifying and then fertilizing the lawn.

Redrow sales consultant Ciara Banks and area sales manager Gavin Powell pictured with members of Lathom & Burscough Royal British Legion Bowling Club.

Action

Lesley Myers, sales manager for Redrow Homes (Lancashire), said: "We have an affinity with the community of Burscough, where we are providing a range of family homes at The Grange at Yew Tree Park and have admiration for the legacy Lathom & Burscough Royal British Legion Bowling Club has provided over the years.

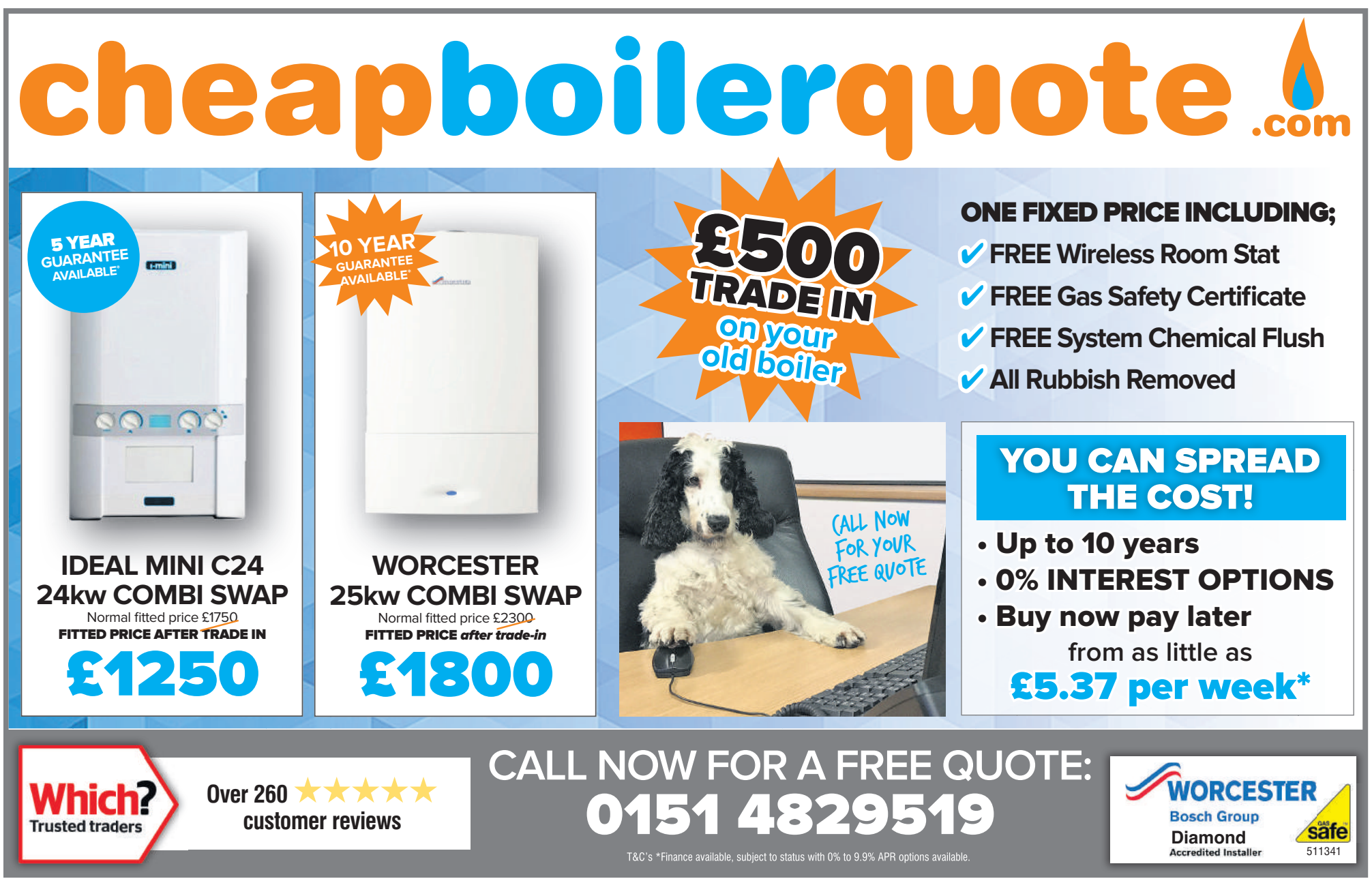
"We were delighted to be able to contribute to the refurbishment of the bowling green, which has seen some action over the years - and can now continue to in the future.

"We're told that up to 2,000 people of all ages and abilities use the facility each year."

Located in the centre of Burscough village, the bowling venue is not only used by its own members, but other community organisations such as the Scouts and various church groups.

John Marriott, chairman of Lathom & Burscough Royal British Legion Bowling Club, commented: "On first visit to the club and green it gives the impression of a real secret garden in the centre of what is now a growing and vibrant village,

"Without such financial help, the bowling club members, visitors and the Burscough community would have lost a great resource in the area."



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Budget leaves police commissioner 'angry and disappointed'

Chancellor accused of ignoring issues facing force

LANCASHIRE Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw says he is angry and disappointed after Chancellor Philip Hammond "ignored" policing and gave no commitment to increase funding for the force in last week's Budget statement.

No new money was announced for front-line policing with the only reference to the service being a £160m investment to maintain essential specialist counter terrorism provision.

Mr Grunshaw says that Lancashire Constabulary has had to make £84m in savings since 2010 at the cost of 800 police officers and 350 support staff.

The commissioner commented: "Despite repeated claims that austerity is over, I am angry and disappointed that this Budget failed to address any of the overwhelming issues facing policing - worst still the whole service was ignored.

"Whilst I welcome investment into mental health, which should relieve some of the pressure on forces like Lancashire being used as the sole emergency service for mental health crisis. The effects of eight years of austerity continue to be felt by every police officer and member of staff across the county who every day are dealing with increasing and complex demands, working around the clock to keep people safe."

Police commissioner Clive Grunshaw was angered by absence of increased funding for force in Budget.

Mr Grunshaw said that in addition to savings that the force has already had to make, over and above the £50m cuts in direct funding from central government since 2010, even more savings are required by 2022.

The Budget statement came just days after the Government's announcement to increase employer pension contributions for policing which has left forces being asked to urgently find £165m.

And Mr Grunshaw said the real-world consequences of dealing with this deficit is forecast to cost Lancashire Constabulary £4m in 2019/20 and over £10m per year from 2020/21 onwards - equivalent to over 200 police officers notwithstanding any further cuts the Home Office makes to policing.

He continued: "This is an impossible amount of money that the Government is demanding, on top of the £84m Lancashire Constabulary has already saved and £16m it still has to find for inflation and the unfunded pay award announced earlier this year.

"Furthermore, as a result of the decision on Special Grant funding for the 2017/18 financial year, Lancashire Constabulary has also had to find over £5.5m to cover the costs of policing the ongoing fracking protests on Preston New Road.

"I think the Government have made a big mistake and I will continue to lobby for fairer funding to ensure police in Lancashire are properly resourced to deliver the service the public of Lancashire deserve."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Nothing wrong in complaining about unfairness in society

I GUESS I am one of the complainers that Dave from Aughton wrote about (Letters, October 24) as I am someone who likes to see fairness in our society and like to think we humans need to protect our planet for future generations.

So, yes I am concerned greatly about fracking and the fact that local objections have been ignored and overridden by Westminster. It seems we are soon to have it on our own doorstep in Altcar, despite concerns about tremors in the Blackpool area.

I don't see why we should keep our mouths shut just because big business can make a huge profit out of the situation buying us off with the hope it will bring energy prices down. All it will do is line the pockets of shareholders, possibly at the cost of the future of our Lancashire land.

However I am not completely a complainer as I welcome affordable housing for our younger people who have been unable to buy their own home as costs have been so high. I also hope this will include social housing as so many people can only think about renting.

I also like to acknowledge and applaud all those compassionate people who raise money for those in poor situations and for those in need of treatment for serious health conditions. We have so many charities now that we are asked to donate to and so many caring people who are prepared to volunteer to help, as money from the Government lessens, unless it is for defence or to keep themselves in power!

The gap between rich and poor is wider than ever before and present policies seem to be keeping it that way. We never had to have food banks previously, saw so many homeless or had so many children in temporary accommodation.

So I will continue to complain where I see unfairness, but I shall at the same time applaud those who give selflessly to help those less fortunate amongst us.

Judy from Aughton, details supplied.

Residents entitled to protest about issues that affect them

IN response to 'avid Champion reader' Dave from Aughton (Letters, October 24) I couldn't help but wonder if his provocative letter was a joke in keeping with the 'spirit' of the season!

West Lancs residents are entitled to object and protest against any issues that directly affect them, be it local council level or higher authorities.

The very fact that they have 'worked all their lives scrimping and saving to buy' reinforces their argument to preserve and protect the environment in which they choose to live.

Dave may not object to 'some old farmland' being transformed into unnecessary housing estates with queues of commuters waiting to join the already gridlocked roads of Ormskirk and surrounding areas, but I know what I would rather look out my window at!

And, by the way, Dave, I do have a hobby - protecting wildlife and nature from greedy developers!

Kate Mitchell, Ormskirk resident
'Complainer' (and proud of it!)

PICTURE of the week

Autumn is a busy time for squirrels as they rummage through the woodland floor to stock up the larder with nuts and berries for winter. Picture by Martyn Snape.

■ I HAVE only one comment to make to 'Dave from Aughton' (Letters, October 24). If he is quite content to sit on his hands, do and say nothing regarding the environment we live in then that's his perogative.

Don't he dare criticise others who at least are concerned with what's actually (or maybe not) going on in and around Aughton and Ormskirk.

If he is happy to wait two weeks to see a doctor, struggle throughout the day with traffic in and out of the town etc., wait until multitudes of new properties are built, then so be it.

But when the soil hits the fan I won't be expecting any complaints from him.

And, by the way, I have a number of hobbies!

John M. Brown, Aughton.

Parking problems around university are worse than ever

I READ with interest your article and the letters about the parking problems around Edge Hill. This happens every year but somehow seems much worse this time.

I do have every sympathy with residents of Ormskirk. It must be a nightmare trying to navigate through the centre each morning.

However, speaking as a university staff member who is simply trying to get to work to do the job they are paid to do and cannot get on site or find long stay parking in Ormskirk itself, I am at a loss to understand what the council are thinking of.

They have repeatedly turned down requests from Edge Hill for additional parking spaces. By doing so they are neglecting their duty to locals and preventing the university from providing the facilities that students expect.

It comes to something when the staff cannot even get into work. Something needs to give and I feel that the solution is within the council's hands.

Frustrated motorist, by email.

Saturating small areas with big developments is a massive error

THE new Local Plan has raised many points of discussion and here are some of my thoughts.

I think the council have made a massive error by saturating small areas with very big developments.

In my area of Aughton Park in a one-and-a-half-mile radius we can see on the plan the potential to build approximately 2,000 houses. The roads will not be able to cope with possibly 3,000 extra cars, the schools in the area are already oversubscribed, the local hospital is stretched to capacity and the GPs are stating now they cannot take on any more patients.

Redrow and the likes are not interested in small developments as there is not enough profit for them and that is all they and the land owners are interested in.

In our area now we have had, and currently being built, small developments of houses which do not overwhelm the local residents and area. The Government has said now that local councils can again raise funds to build their own houses whereas in the past this was stopped. This surely now gives the council the opportunity to build more social housing, which is much needed in this area, giving smaller local builders the work and thereby increasing employment. The big guns bring in their own contractors so very little work for local trades.

6,000 houses for Merseyside is a step too far. They have enough of their own Grade 1 arable land to decimate without using ours.

Skelmersdale again sold up the river. They may need extra houses to replace some of the old housing stock but a vibrant community like Skem should have better transport links, more schools and a town centre instead of the Concourse as the focal point. Developers may promise the earth but when their profits are concerned these extras are very quickly discarded.

Finally, the debate around the Local Plan should be kept to a civilised level instead of the usual attacks on folk who endeavour to preserve the beautiful area that is West Lancs.

Mary Hobson, Aughton resident.

Make your voice heard in right place

ALL the letters I've read recently about the proposed Local Plan 2020/2050, both against and for, make good reading, but that is all they are.

If you want to make your voice and opinion heard they need to be directed to the right place. You can put your individual submission to WLBC on line at hhtp//www.westlancs.gov.uk/lpr. or pick up a form at council offices or the libraries.

Incidentally, a petition only counts as one objection, no matter how many signatures it has. I know this from experience of walking door to door for hours on end.

I will be submitting my own views and will be against it on numerous grounds.

Merseyside have swathes of undeveloped land and do not need nor have asked WLBC to help them out.

Secondly, releasing Green Belt land for garden villages when Skelmersdale, a New Town built in the 1960s for the overflow of Liverpool is still only half built and all the infrastructure is in place.

The Government and local government make such a huge point about affordable housing when only Skelmersdale can bring this about in West Lancashire.

The developers are calling the tune as to where they can maximise their profit and not for the good of the local people.

They are just a couple of my points. You may have different ones, but please make your voice heard while you still have the chance.

Colin D., Aughton.

Local Plan is a farce

IT really is coming to something when a council starts employing bouncers for public consultations with six people at a time!

Who is paying for all this? Yes, you've guessed it, the council tax payers.

It just says it all about how unpopular this ridiculous Local Plan to concrete over West Lancs' Green Belt with houses etc., is.

I took particular notice on the beginning of the Local Plan where it said: "We especially would like comments from housebuilders, farmers and landowners"! Yes, I bet you would welcome them all with open arms.

Total disgrace - listen to the people of West Lancs and not your housebuilding friends.

***F. Baybutt, Burscough*.**

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Government grant cuts ultimately to blame for putting pedestrians at risk

THERE have been many letters recently about cars being parked on pavements. I read that a person from Burscough, whose car was so parked when attending Edge Hill, had his car vandalised.

He stated that he came in a car because it was cheaper than using public transport. This is the nub of the problem - the Government has frozen and reduced fuel duty whilst rail fares have increased by some 40% and bus services have been decimated as a result of the 50% Government grant to local councils.

A Private Members Bill was introduced in Parliament to ban cars parked on pavement but was withdrawn because the Government promised to introduce their own bill on this matter.

They say this has gone out to consultation i.e. they are attempting to delay it because they do not want to upset motorists but they don't mind putting the lives of pedestrians at danger.

The police are too stretched to deal with the problem - again as a result of the cut in Government grants.

J. M. Berry, Aughton.

Call to end yapping dogs nuisance

WHY do some dog owners allow their dogs to bark, yap and howl constantly

They have no consideration for other people and it is very annoying to have to listen to.

It's not rocket science to train them, so stop being so ignorant and have a bit of consideration for others.

Annoyed, by email.

Skem needs investment not 'garden villages'

IN response to William Clarke's letter headed 'Why are 'garden villages' not districts of Skelmersdale' (Letters, October 24), well I will tell you why.

The council wants to sell off its prime land and locations to developers who can maximise profits to build expensive luxury properties in desirable areas.

These will not be affordable homes, although they may sprinkle in a few to make it all appear legitimate. The council will benefit by large council taxes and other 'benefits'.

The title of 'garden villages' makes it all appear lovely and flowery to people. Aaaaahhh . . . that sounds nice!

What is needed is investment in Skelmersdale and a proper infrastructure building up. Well, you know the story - but it aint gonna happen.

Jayne H., Bickerstaffe.

Fracking is gambling with health

SEISMIC activity in Lancashire that has been registered as a result of fracking clearly shows that lines of stress in the earth are being created causing fractures at a very deep level.

It is impossible to say that these are not causing the deadly chemicals used in fracking to seep into and pollute the water table.

Above all, as a small island, we should be applying the precautionary principle, as once the water table becomes contaminated no amount of money can decontaminate it and drinking water and crop irrigation systems will be rendered poisonous.

In just a few years renewables will probably take over the energy requirements of the country. Why gamble with the long-term health of human life and all of nature on which it depends for the sake of very short-term monetary gains?

Henry Brighouse,
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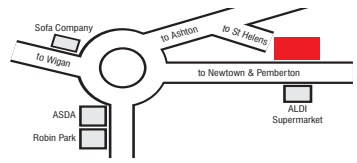

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Magical opportunity at gallery for craftworkers

WEST Lancs Council is offering local makers of contemporary craftwork the opportunity to sell their goods at the Chapel Gallery's Magical Makers Market.

Anyone who produces handmade goods - whether textiles, wood turning, jewellery, glassmaking, ceramics or other crafts - can apply for a space at the council-run gallery in St Helens Road, Ormskirk throughout November, December and January.

An administration fee of £20 is payable for each month and all goods will be sold through the gallery shop with no commission being taken on any sales.

Anyone wishing to apply should email a statement about their work, including a relevant image, to chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk.

Meanwhile craftspeople can also book a stall at the Chapel Gallery's Christmas Markets to be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 24 and 25, between 10am and 4.30pm.

On the Sunday there is also an opportunity to book a stall for the outdoor Christmas Gingerbread Market and Christmas lights switch-on.

Entertainment

The council says that the Sunday promises to be a fantastic day of creativity, with a programme of enjoyable entertainment for all the family at the Chapel Gallery and in the town centre.

To apply to display goods inside the Chapel Gallery email jane.coyle@westlancs.gov.uk. For a stall outside on Sunday, November 25 applications can be submitted at www.discoverormskirk.com/trade.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "These are great opportunities for makers of handmade goods."

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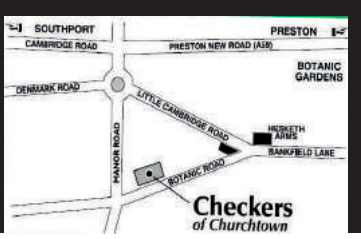

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Ambulance service scheme avoids unnecessary hospital trips

THE North West Ambulance Service says hundreds of patients have avoided an unnecessary trip to hospital thanks to a new scheme launched earlier this year.

The new 'Urgent Care Practitioner' initiative involves 12 nurses and paramedics who respond to patients who have called 999 but could possibly receive support and treatment in the community, rather than having to go to hospital in an emergency ambulance.

Working on vehicles equipped to treat people on scene, the Urgent Care Practitioners ensure patients who can be cared for at home have all the help they need, referring them on to other local health services if required. While nurses have been part of the ambulance workforce for a number of years, it is the first time they have been employed by NWAS in a role responding to patients.

Evaluation of the first few months of activity has shown that 72% of patients seen by the Urgent Care Practitioners have been provided with the right care, without needing an emergency ambulance to take them to hospital - known as 'see and treat'.

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The practitioners also spend some of their time working in the 999 control centres, speaking to patients on the phone to provide clinical self-care advice - known as 'hear and treat'. Just over half of all the patients spoken to by the UCPs were supported over the phone without needing ambulance service intervention.

In total, the pilot is estimated to have saved more than 1,000 ambulance journeys during a 90-day period, which is approximately 1,625 hours or almost 68 full days of emergency ambulance time, saving resources for more serious incidents.

The pilot evaluation follows the recent publication of the Lord Carter review which said that the NHS could free up millions of pounds if ambulance services were able to 'see and treat' more patients.

Mark Newton, Assistant Director of Transformation, said: "The findings are really encouraging. People deserve to get the right care, at the right time, in the right place, every time. And for many, that doesn't necessarily mean an emergency ambulance to the nearest A&E department.

Urgent Care Practitioners from the North West Ambulance Service.

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[1] https://www.diabetes.org.uk/resources-s3/2017-11/diabetes_in_the_uk_2010.pdf

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Award-winning author scoops £10,000 Edge Hill Short Story Prize

THE hotly-anticipated winner of the prestigious Edge Hill Short Story Prize has been announced with award-winning writer Tessa Hadley scooping the £10,000 prize.

Announced at a special ceremony at Waterstones flagship store in Piccadilly, London on Saturday (November 3), Tessa, an author of six highly praised novels, collected her award for Bad Dreams, her collection of stories about different people's lives where the ordinary is made extraordinary as the real things which happen turn out to be mysterious.

Edge Hill Short Story Prize winner Tessa Hadley.

"I'm really pleased to have won," said Tessa, "I love this prize because it's the only one for a whole collection and takes the form seriously. I've been involved with the project for a long while and followed its progress. I wholeheartedly support it and it's especially lovely to have won.

"There are two ways that this prize is important. One, if you're any good as a writer you're always full of self-doubt so you need that confirmation from the outsider, and two, winning the prize means people actually take notice of your work."

Author Sarah Hall picked up the £1,000 Reader's Choice Award for *Madame Zero*, chosen by a group of 20 Edge Hill University students.

Jennie Byrne, an MA Creative Writing student who was part of the Reader's Choice panel, said: "We chose *Madame Zero* because of its fantastic use of language, the creative content and stunning delivery of modern short story writing. It was a story with the whole package."

Sarah said: "It's lovely to have won the Reader's Choice Prize - it's the second time I've been involved but you never know if it's going to happen for you. It's wonderful that it was a unanimous decision by the students. It's a lot of pressure to choose a single story to submit as you're never quite sure what will appeal across the board but it's great that it was well received.

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"The Short Story Prize is a serious commitment by Edge Hill and it's great to see the short story form strong and thriving. Edge Hill has opened up the conversation about short story and added to the resuscitation of short fiction form."

The books were both shortlisted to the final five by this year's judges Alice O'Keeffe (literary critic for The Guardian), novelist Paul McVeigh, Ailsa Cox (the world's first and only professor of the short story) and last year's winner Daisy Johnson who was shortlisted for this year's Man Booker Prize.

The final award of the evening was given to Julia Clayton who won the £500 MA Prize which recognises rising talents from the university's MA Creative Writing Course.

Julia said: "I'm genuinely surprised and thrilled to have won. I've been a teacher for over 20 years, but I've always written fiction as well. About 16 months ago, I decided to take the plunge and take the MA course. It's great being part of a community of writers and I'd definitely recommend others to take that step too."

The Edge Hill Short Story Prize was founded in 2006 by the university's Ailsa Cox. It remains the only annual prize that recognises excellence in a published, single-authored collection of short stories in the UK and Ireland.

This year's shortlisted books were: *Madame Zero* by Sarah Hall; *Basket of Deplorables* by Tom Rachman; *Bad Dreams* by Tessa Hadley; *All the Beloved Ghosts* by Alison MacLeod and *Come Let Us Sing Anyway* by Leone Ross.

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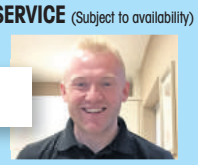
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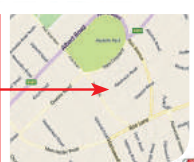
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Local history groups team up to give nostalgia lovers a trip down Memory Lane

Report by **Kenny Parker**

IMAGES of Burscough and Surrounding Areas are teaming up with local history groups to hold another of their popular exhibitions of photos, including many previously unseen items on show.

The free event will be held in the main hall of the Stanley Club, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, November 24 and 25. It will be opened by Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney, and will run from 10am to 5pm on both days.

Organisers are hoping the exhibition will prove as popular as the one staged in March which attracted more than a thousand visitors.

Joining Images of Burscough again for the weekend are the Paul Smith Ormskirk Museum, Lathom and Burscough Military Heritage Society and the Ormskirk and District Family History Society whose members will be on hand to offer advice to people researching their family history.

And Michael Dawson, founder of Images of Burscough, says there will be lots of 'new ' additions including photos, local films and memorabilia including a recent addition to his collection of two eight-inch diameter mortar shells from the siege of the original Lathom House (Lathom Castle) in 1644!

These weigh 13kg each and were found in the grounds of the second Lathom House when it was demolished in 1925.

In total there will be more than 650 old images of the local area including Ormskirk, Scarisbrick, Lathom, Rufford, Parbold, Newburgh, Southport and Birkdale of display, along with many items of local memorabilia including some from HMS Ringtail.

There is free parking at the rear of the Stanley Club and tea and coffees will be available, as well as Ormskirk gingerbread and lemon slab cake to sample.

Also present at the event will be Alan Barrow who will be launching The Airmen of West Lancashire - Roll of Honour WW2. This contains the profiles of 46 aircrew, and 16 ground crew from rural West Lancashire who gave their lives in RAF service. Anyone who knows of any of the West Lancs airmen and has any photos or information is welcome to take them along.

Michael Dawson said: "It would be great to see as many people as possible turn up to support this community event and if you have any old photos related to our local area, including old film footage, please bring them on the day as I will have my laptop and scanner ready to make a copy so everyone gets to share in our local heritage."

This view of Burscough Street, Ormskirk around the 1920s is one of the images that will be on show at the exhibition.

The then Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney with some of the exhibitors at the March event staged by Images of Burscough and Surrounding Areas.

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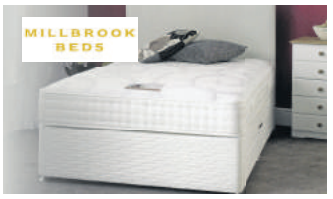

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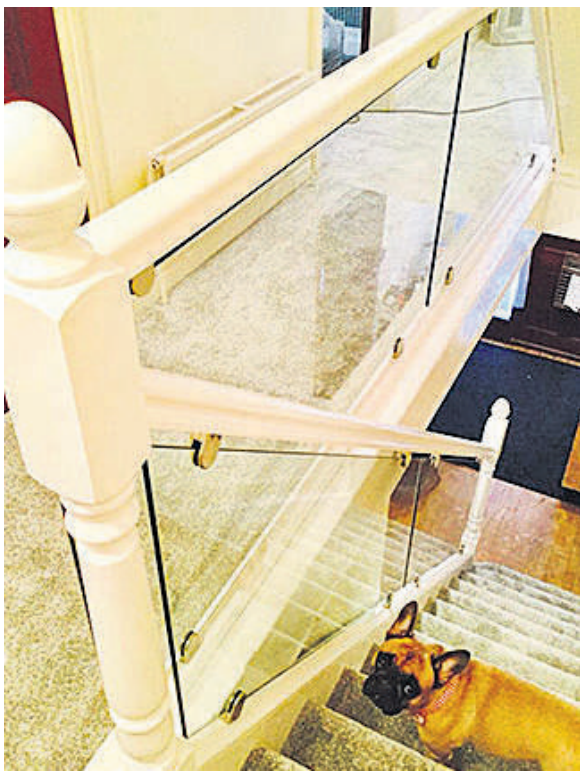

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Rock revival show in aid of cancer charities

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THERE'S a chance to take a trip back in time and raise money for a good cause when 'Rockin' at The YPC' returns for a 15th show at The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk on Saturday, November 24.

Themed to recreate the atmosphere of that local haven for youth in the 1960s, the Ormskirk Young Peoples Club - affectionately known as The YPC - the show aims to revive the Rock 'n' Roll Years, Mersey Beat, and the Swinging 60s.

And the event, which runs from 7.30pm till late, is also a fundraiser in aid of Stand Up To Cancer and Cancer Research UK.

It has been organised by Gig4Life, a recent venture formed by Cancer Research UK, Ormskirk-based band The Rebels and Merseyside band The Rockin' Relics.

The two bands have previously raised thousands of pounds for cancer charities by performing at various venues around the region, including at The Civic which has held six-monthly Rockin' at The YPC events since 2010.

The Rebels also played at the YPC in the 60s and three of the present line-up are original band members.

Recently Gig4Life raised £2,200 from concerts held at The Civic, The Atkinson, Southport and St George's Social Centre, Maghull.

The latest show will again be headlined by Shooter, with special guests Merseycats' own Norman Petherbridge; Sue Raymond of The Sue Raymond Band; and Ritchie Thompson, who regularly played at The YPC in the 1960s with his band The Shards.

Admission on the night will be £12 but tickets can be bought in advance for £10 from The Civic, tel. 01695 576607 or email info@ormskirk-civichall.co.uk; and from Hesfords DIY, Moorgate, Ormskirk, tel. 01695 572564.

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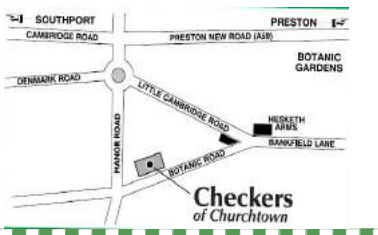

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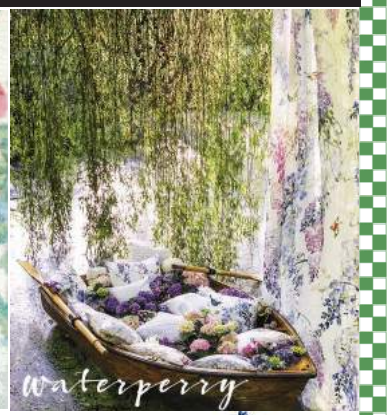

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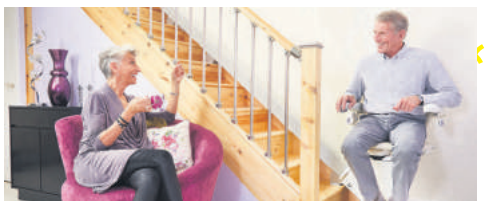

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Visitors brave rain and ghostly goings-on at Rangers' Halloween Extravagangza . . .

VISITORS braved more than the rain at the free Halloween Extravaganza at Ormskirk's Coronation Park, organised by West Lancs Borough Council's Park Rangers.

While members of the public dressed up in Halloween costumes and showed off their pumpkin lanterns, students from West Lancs College used zombie-style creative makeup to send a chill down the spine of anyone who dared to venture along the 'ghost walk' - a route through the edge of the park shrouded in darkness.

The event also featured traditional fairground rides and opportunities to make Halloween- themed crafts.

And Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney showed his mettle by making an appearance to judge the best fancy dress costume and pumpkin!

Left: Members of the public spared no effort in looking the part for their Halloween Extravaganza visit.

Right: The Mayor, Councillor Noel Delaney and Park Ranger Ann Faulkener with one of the entries in the pumpkin competition.

Below: These scary characters really got into the 'fright night' feel.

Below right: Rachel Melling from Friends of Coronation Park entertained visitors with some spooky skills.

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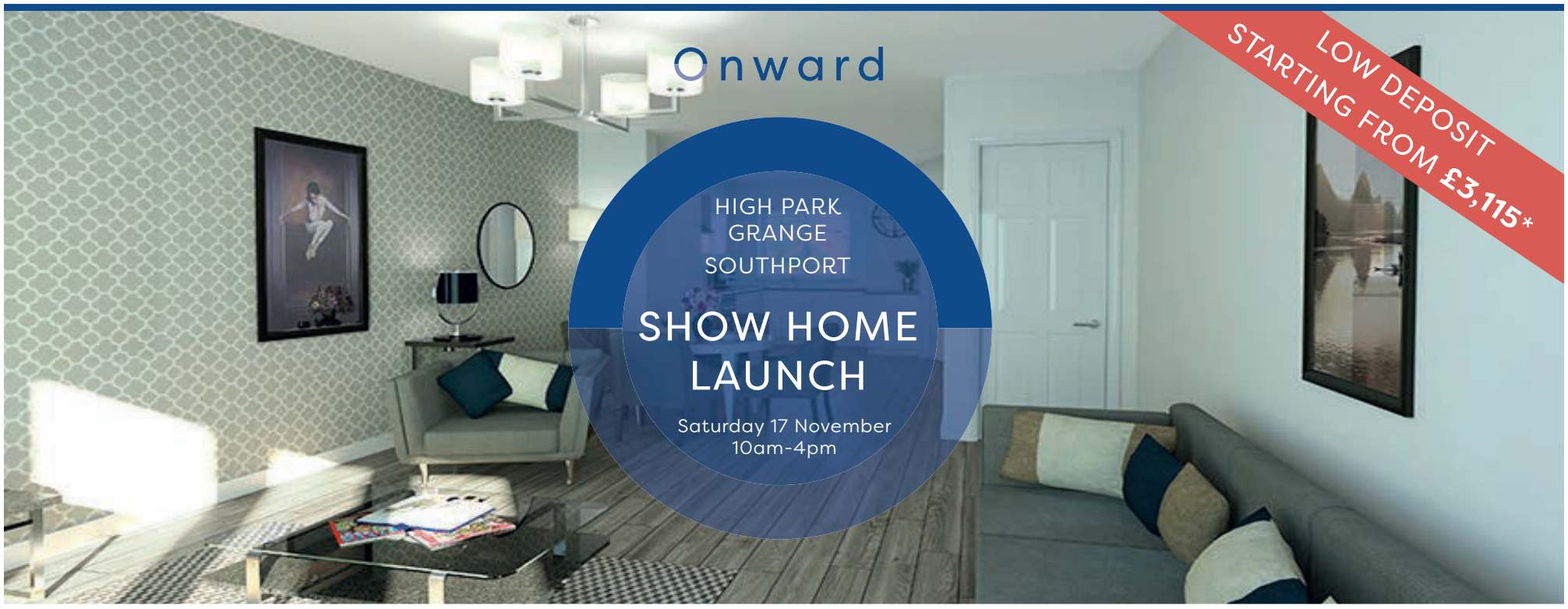

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Boating on the Broads brings out the best in *most* people

HAVING returned safely - and on time - from my last trip of the year on my lovely old wooden motor cruiser, *Manxman*, it has given me the chance to reflect on why I genuinely love the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads, despite the occasional hiccups, small and large.

This time around for instance you could literally see autumn coming on apace with trees changing from green to brown day by day and skeins of geese flying in strict V formations.

And, of course, there were the people - mainly good, but just the few anything but.

On the whole there is a camaraderie among 'boatists' (surely not boaters), but my heart sinks when you come across a bevy of canoeists paddling blithely four abreast - like some cyclists on the roads - with absolutely no idea of what is coming up behind them and apparently no care either.

The fishing community too are sometimes both blind and deaf. There are clear notices at all public moorings telling anglers that they must make way for vessels wanting to tie up there. Some will, with something approaching good grace, but many choose not to hear when you ask them to and become abusive and irate if you continue to approach.

Yachts too can pose a problem. In this case though I readily confess that unless they too choose to sail and tack in convoy, it is usually the cruiser skipper who is at fault. Personally, I have found over the years that my reading of *Hornblower* and similar seafaring novels has given me a fair understanding of how a yacht is likely to behave in given circumstances. On this trip I reckon I performed rather well - apart from the occasion when I totally misjudged the speed of a tacking yacht and probably quite rightly occasioned some swearwords from its crew.

Mind you, I am often assisted by *Manxman* herself who often attracts admirers when we are moored, sometimes from the most unexpected sources. I was moored one afternoon at a place called Ludham Bridge and am ashamed to say I was having a quiet grumble to myself about a group of anglers fishing very close to the narrow bridge itself, right beneath a notice saying angling was not permitted there.

Then, out of the blue, three young lads temporarily gave up their sport and wandered down to me where they wanted to know all about my cruiser, how old she was, where she was built and so on. Mind you, I was a little thrown when one queried: "What does it do?" It transpired that he wanted to know what made it go and I pointed out that it wasn't THAT old - it had an engine!

Years ago, when I was a teenager and my family were on a hired cruiser, we moored for the night at a boatyard in the large village of Loddon. There was an elderly gentleman there who had been a 'boy' on a Norfolk Wherry, a large trading sailing barge. He gave us two pieces of advice.

"Whatever you do in a boat, do it slowly," he said. "The boat may not do what you want - but it won't do much damage either."

And the second: "Never trust anyone who claims to know all about handling small boats. Stay well clear. He's either mad, or bad - or both!"

Two maxims I have tried always to obey.

Then there were the folk who wanted to photograph my boat which really does make my day and me swell with pride, though I suppose it shouldn't.

I also met several old friends and chatted to other boat owners and hirers. It's amazing how much new, useful and interesting things you can learn about the rivers, its environs, and the politics (with a small p) of why some things are what they are even when common sense tells you they shouldn't be.

So there you are, I've run out of space. Never mind though, it's only about six months to Easter and the beginning of the 2019 boating season!

Village remembers Great War Fallen

Report by **Henry James**

A MEMORIAL book put together to remember the Fallen of Scarisbrick marks the conclusion of an ambitious parish project commemorating the centenary of the Great War.

In 2016 a new memorial was installed in the grounds of Scarisbrick Village Hall and the book tells the stories of the men remembered on the monument. Copies are to be kept in local churches and will be donated to the main libraries of Ormskirk and Southport.

One of the numerous accounts in the memorial book is from the opening encounter of the second Battle of the Somme at which Scarisbrick man Walter Mayor fought and died with the Coldstream Guards.

It reads: 'Suddenly a gun, like the mighty slamming of a door in a sleeping house, broke the stillness. The hour arranged by friend and man had come and Hell stepped up on to the Earth. Every one of the myriad of guns crowding the area behind took up the signal and belched forth fire and noise. The battle had begun.'

Human costs

Scarisbrick Parish Councillor John Herbet said: "Scarisbrick men fought in many of the major battles of the war. Some were early volunteers who helped halt the enemy advance on Paris and found themselves entrenched in a bitter war of attrition.

"They were caught up in the slaughter of the Somme and the tragedy of Passchendaele. They fought at major engagements including Ypres, Loos, Arras, and Messines. They were embroiled in desperate fighting to halt the enemy's Spring Offensive of 1918 and subsequently helped to breach the heavily-fortified Hindenburg Line, driving the foe back in actions that resulted in the Armistice.

"The book highlights the human costs of warfare. The age of the Fallen ranges from teenagers to middle-aged men with young families who were under no obligation to enlist. Remains were often unfound and families with local names that we recognise today were devastated by loss, sometimes accounting for multiple family members. Importantly, we are reminded of the debt of honour owed to our local men for their gallantry and extra-ordinary sacrifice."

Scarisbrick will be holding an ecumenical Service of Remembrance to mark the centenary of the Armistice at Scarisbrick Village Hall commencing at 10.45am on Sunday, November 11.

Walter Mayor from Scarisbrick who died at the second Battle of the Somme.

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Norman Foulds (centre) with some of the artists and photographers and their work featured in the U3A Exhibition at Mawdesley Village Hall.

Village UA3 members put their art and photography on show

MEMBERS of the Mawdesley and neighbouring Villages U3A (University of the Third Age) art and photography groups have been displaying their work at their annual display at Mawdesley Village Hall.

Group co-ordinator, Norman Foulds, said: The art group, in conjunction with the photography group, held a joint exhibition of paintings, drawings, and photographs for the benefit of the U3A members, which was well attended and viewed by those present.

"Most paintings on display were priced up for sale and a handful of purchases were made on the day by members. "The art group's next exhibition will be at the Avant Garden Centre, Leyland, in February."

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Young dancers step up for regional double win

STAFF and youngsters at a West Lancs dance school are celebrating after winning two trophies at a regional competition.

The McDonald School of Dance, based in Liverpool Road, Burscough, were named outright winners in the ballroom category at the Allied Dancing Association's Medalist of the Year Competition staged at Kirkby.

And they also shared joint first place in the classical catergory with Southport's Marshside School of Dance.

Principal and owner of the school, Margaret McDonald, said: "A huge well done and congratulations to all of the children who took part in Medallist of the Year. We are very proud of the hard work you all put into your dancing, which was evident in that everyone reached a final!

"Special mention goes to our teachers Laura Morley, Katie Nuthall and Holly Pinnington, and behind the scenes Amanda Sadgrove and Emily Morey, as well as all the parents and Vikki Pinnington for organising hair and costumes."

Dance teacher Laura Morley (left) and principal Maureen McDonald (right) receiving one of their trophies from Carol Parry, secretary of the Allied Dancing Association.

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Public's chance to recognise 'amazing' care trust workers

... but hurry - deadline for nominations for 'people's award' is less than three weeks away

RESIDENTS across Lancashire are being given the opportunity to recognise the hard work of health professionals who have made a difference to their healthcare experience and nominate them for Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's 'Amazing Care Award'.

The Amazing Care Award is now in its second year and allows members of the public and trust members to nominate a team, individual or service who they feel should be recognised for providing amazing care.

It is often the little things that can make a big difference to patients and their families and nominations should include examples of where this has been the case.

The trust is looking for nominations that are an inspiration to others, demonstrate commitment and determination and always go that extra mile!

As part of its annual staff awards ceremony the trust is reaching out to local residents for nominations for this year's Amazing Care Award.

The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony at The Village Hotel in Blackpool in March.

Paul Lumsdon *(pictured)*, Interim Director of Nursing and Quality at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "The Amazing Care Award is really special as it is the only award chosen by the people in Lancashire.

"We believe it is important for the people who receive our care to be given an opportunity to acknowledge the great work that is going on across Lancashire and to be able to be a part of our evening by nominating someone who has gone the extra mile.

"We know that there are lots of staff out there who are delivering kind and compassionate care and we hope that people across the county will spare five minutes of their time to submit a nomination for an individual or team that has truly made a difference to their lives."

To nominate visit bit.ly/2PruSeA and complete an online form or for more information visit www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/staffawards2019.

If you don't have access to a computer you can contact the communications team on 01772 695384 to request a hard copy form.

Deadline for nominations is midnight on Monday, November 26 and the shortlist will be announced in the new year.

Security 'thumbs up' for IT systems after rigorous test

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust has been awarded an internationally recognised coveted standard in information security following a rigorous assessment of its IT systems.

The trust's Health Informatics team, which is in charge of IT infrastructure and security, has been working hard to secure the ISO 27001 Standard for Information Security. This means that service users and staff can be reassured that the trust has a robust and agile security framework in place to protect their data.

RSPCA's 'leave a gift' plea to dog lovers

OFFICIALS of a leading charity are appealing to dog lovers to 'leave a gift to help animals in need.'

It cost more than £11,000 to feed all the dogs in RSPCA care in Lancashire last year which is why the charity is highlighting the importance of legacies which make up more than half of its income.

In 2017, the charity collected and rescued 114,584 animals in England and Wales, including 7,669 dogs. And in Lancashire alone, the RSPCA rescued and cared for 323 dogs last year.

On average, it costs the RSPCA £36 to feed a dog in its care whilst they look for their forever home which means that last year it cost £11,628 to feed these rescued dogs across the county. However, that figure is for dogs available for rehoming rather than the whole time a dog may spend in RSPCA care receiving treatment and rehabilitation or waiting for a court case to be concluded, so the cost will actually be higher.

Jessica Taylor-Bayliss, head of Legacy Marketing at the RSPCA, said: "Generous gifts in wills make up more than half of our income and were vital in ensuring that last year we were able to care for more than 300 dogs in centres and branches in Lancashire alone, and more than 7,000 nationally.

"We wouldn't be able to do this without kind donations from members of the public and we are incredibly grateful to anyone who decides to leave a long-lasting legacy to help us help animals like the lovely Kia."

Eight-year-old Kia (pictured), a Staffordshire Bull terrier cross is very happy and friendly and very excitable. She could live with another happy dog and will need experienced owners.

She is currently waiting for her forever home an RSPCA animal centre in Lancashire.

Dogs are just one of the many animals the RSPCA cares for with more than 114,000 animals rescued each year, from bearded dragons to horses.

Jess continued: "We want to make a promise to care for every animal who needs us and we need your help to do this. You can join us in this promise by leaving a gift in your will to the RSPCA. It's a powerful way to help animals for years to come."

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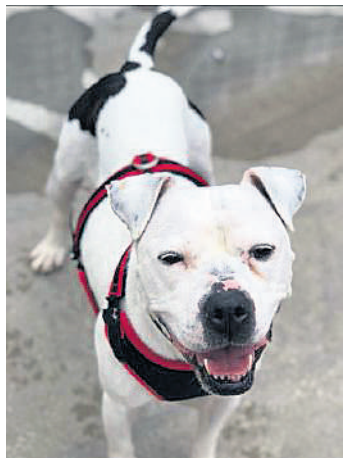

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Tina who recently made the decision to step down as a very successful team developer to put all her energy into supporting and helping her members runs groups on a Wednesday and a Saturday at Ormskirk Rugby club, says "It's incredible to know my hard work has been recognised. Helping people in West Lancashire achieve their weight loss dreams makes this the best job in the world and to receive the recognition and such a beautiful watch for doing something I love feels fantastic."

She adds "I know what it's like to struggle with your weight and I also know that with the right kind of help and support you can really make long term changes to lose weight and keep it off for good. We have some amazing members in our groups, including members who have lost 4, 5,6,7,8,9 and even 11 stone, plus members who have maintained thier Target weight for many years."

If you are interested in finding more about Tina's Slimming World groups you can contact her on 07855097585 or 01515484266
Pictured with Tina is Merseyside and West Lancashire District manager Sarah Stringfellow.

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Cheers! Real Ale lovers toast festival success

Report by **Henry James**

ORGANISERS of the Campaign For Real Ale's Southport and West Lancashire branch Beer Festival have hailed the event a huge success.

Returning to the resort after a three-year abscence, the festival was held at the St John Ambulance Hall in Wright Street, Southport from Thursday to Saturday, October 25 to 27.

And the event saw CAMRA Southport and West Lancs branch present a number of pub and licensee awards.

Best Bar Persons awards went to: Kelly Beckett (Tap Room 12, Ormskirk); Lewis Connor (Cricketers, Ormskirk); Deborah Dean (Hop Vine, Burscough); Emma Frith (Grasshopper, Hillside); Emma Howard (Fishermans Rest, Birkdale); Sasha Porter (Pines, Hillside); Kate Rooke (Grasshopper, Hillside); and Lee Rooney (Sir Henry Segrave, Southport).

The Best Newcomer prize went to the Pines, Hillside, the Best Community Pub award was given to the Up Steps at Birkdale and the Best Country Pub went to the Heatons Bridge, Scarisbrick.

Licensees Of Excellence awards were presented to Dave Speak (Cricketers, Ormskirk); Angie Frith (Grasshopper, Hillside); Gail Heyes (Guest House, Southport); Eddie Loftus (Fishermen's Rest, Birkdale) and Mike McCombe (Hop Vine, Burscough).

The Special Award went to Bardsley Brothers: Brewer, Pub Owner & Off Licence Shop.

And the branch Summer Pub of the Year prize went to the Guest House, Southport, with the Grasshopper at Hilllside being named branch Cider Pub of the Year.

Mike McCombe of The Hop Vine, Burscough *(above)* **and Dave Speak of The Cricketers, Ormskirk** *(below)* **receive their Licensee of Excellence awards from CAMRA chairman, Doug Macadam.**

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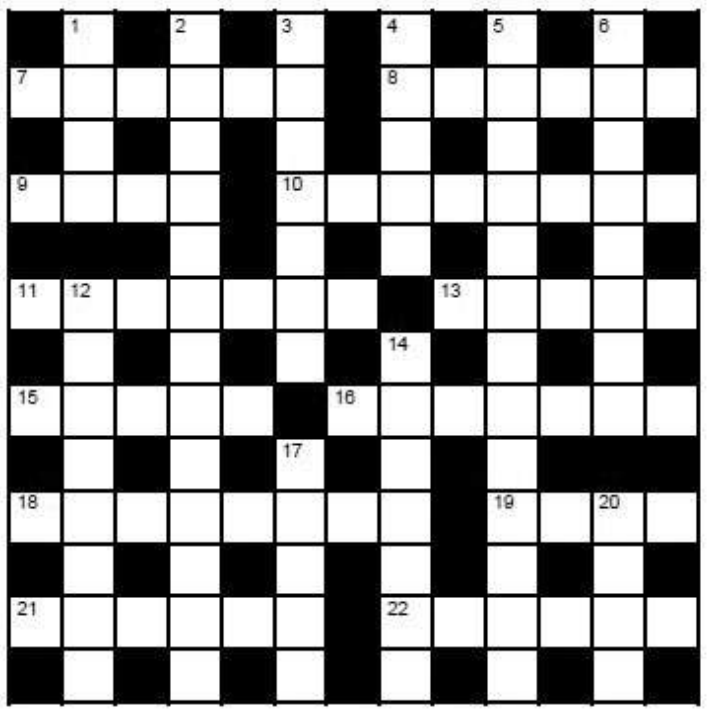

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9. Petty quarrel (4)
10. On some unspecified or unknown occasion (8)
11. Destructive tidal wave caused by an undersea earthquake or volcanic eruption (7)
13. Cache, stockpile (5)
15. They're called French fries in the USA (5)
16. Composed wholly of outstanding performers or players (3-4)
18. Sexual infidelity (8)
19. Every one of two or more people or objects identified separately (4)
21. Colourless fluid part of blood in which corpuscles or fat globules are suspended (6)
22. Small family car manufactured by Ford in Europe from 1968 to 2004 (6)

DOWN

1. Excursion (4)
2. Excessive attention to neatness, discipline etc., especially in the armed forces (4, 3, 6)
3. Suppose that something is the case on the basis of probability (7)
4. Member of certain peoples of very short stature in equatorial Africa (5)
5. Nouns, verbs, adjectives etc. (5, 2, 6)
6. Rum-based, coffee-flavoured liqueur originally from the Caribbean (3, 5)
12. Programme, timetable (8)
14. Mini dramatic piece (7)
17. Dish of pieces of meat, fish, or vegetables roasted or grilled on a skewer or spit (5)
20. A check or restraint on something (4)

Information evening for would-be adopters

LANCASHIRE County Council is staging another of its information evenings for anyone thinking about starting or growing their family through adoption.

The next event will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at County Hall, Fishergate Hill, Preston from 6 to 7.30pm.

Following a short presentation, members of the county council's adoption team, including social workers, will be available to answer questions, talk people through the process, and offer confidential advice.

County Councillor Susie Charles, the authority's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We need people from all backgrounds to offer a permanent home and family to children who are not able to live with their birth family. You must be over 21, and live in Lancashire or close by, but whatever your race, gender, sexuality, living arrangements, age or employment status, we want to hear from you.

"What matter to us are your personal qualities and that you are able to provide a loving home where you can support and look after a child throughout their childhood and beyond."

The county council is holding another information evening for people considering adoption.

Support

Adoptive parents are needed for children from young babies up to eight years of age, and people willing to keep families together by adopting siblings are particularly needed.

Brothers and sisters are among the children who wait longest to be adopted, as there are not enough people coming forward who are able to give them a safe, permanent and loving family. Among the 92 Lancashire children currently ready to be adopted, there are 15 two-sibling groups and three three-sibling groups.

Cllr. Charles added: "I'm hoping that we can encourage people to at least think about adopting two or more children.

"We keep brothers and sisters together whenever we can. For children who cannot be brought up by their own parents, those sibling relationships take on extra importance. In the midst of the trauma and losses these children experience, being placed with a brother or sister can be an important source of comfort and support, and give them the opportunity to grow up together.

"However, we know that adopting siblings might not be for everyone, and we still need adopters to come forward to look after children of all different ages and circumstances."

Adoptive parents are also needed to come forward for children from young babies up to eight years of age, and particularly for the following groups:

- Children aged over four, of either gender.
- Children with special needs, disabilities, or unpredictable medical issues.
- Boys of all ages.
- Mixed-heritage children of all ages.

Further details about the information evening and adoption in general are available online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/adoption or by calling the adoption team on 0300 123 6723.

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County's older folk recognised for valuable contributions to community at special reception

THE contribution made by older people to local communities has been praised by the chair of Lancashire County Council

County Councillor Anne Cheetham acknowledged the contribution, support and friendship that older people give to their families, friends and their communities at a special reception at County Hall in Preston

People invited to the event represented groups from across Lancashire, including some which had received support from the county council's Champion for Older People Fund and representatives from the Lancashire 50+ Assembly.

Cllr. Cheetham said: "We can't underestimate the contribution made by older people to their families, friends and neighbours, as well as to their local communities. Many older people give their time as volunteers to support activities and groups in their local area. This is something to celebrate and be thankful for."

The reception also recognised the work of the county's 50+ Assembly, which brings together people from across the county to look at issues affecting people aged 50 and over.

The assembly has representatives in all 12 districts, and from more than 30 groups across Lancashire.

Over the past year, the assembly has contributed to various plans and strategies affecting older people, including the county council's Dementia Friendly Lancashire Strategy, which was launched recently.

Important

Cllr. Cheetham added: "The number of older people in Lancashire is increasing, and is projected to grow further by 2020. Groups such as the 50+ Assembly are an important way to find out more about the issues faced by older people and how things could be improved."

Over the past year the assembly has been looking at ways for people to support each other, with a focus on loneliness and isolation.

The event also heard about the county council's new Festive Cards initiative, which will encourage people to send a Christmas card to someone in a care home, as a way to reduce loneliness for residents.

It follows a similar project over the summer in which people were asked to send holiday postcards to help to brighten someone's day.

County Councillor Anne Cheetham.

EDITORIAL FEATURE

Gold-star National recognition for slimming experts Sue & Gill!

Two weight-loss Consultants who support hundreds of people in Merseyside to lose weight are beaming with pride after being recognised for the exceptional work they do to support people in the area.

Sue Allt & Gill Foden were invited to a national event for Slimming World's most successful Consultants – 'Slimming World's Gold and Pearl Day 2018' – hosted at Slimming World's national head office by the company's senior directors. The Derbyshire event was exclusive to just 100 of the organisation's high-flying Consultants to celebrate the outstanding service they consistently provide to their members, supporting them to eat more healthily, get more active and build confidence – and ultimately achieve their weight-loss dreams.

Sue has been a Consultant for 10 years and Gill has been a Consultant for nearly 3 years; both have successfully lost weight as Slimming World members and between them, help over 700 members a week. The invite puts them in the top two per cent of the organisation's 5,000 Slimming World Consultants across the UK, meaning Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Maghull are home to some of the very best slimming support in the country.

As part of the day, which was themed around 'believing and achieving', Sue and Gill were invited to share some of their learnings from running their award-winning groups, to inspire other attendees to continue to ensure fantastic weight losses and members' success and picked up tips from the other Consultants there in return. All guests at the event were treated to a healthy lunch at Slimming World's brand new head office extension and on-site restaurant, as well as hearing from the company's senior Directors on key plans for next year, when Slimming World celebrates its 50th birthday year.

Sue and Gill said: "To receive an invite to such a prestigious event felt very special, it's so lovely to be recognised among the highest-achieving Consultants across the country and to know that my work in our area is making a real difference. Sue has received this award twice and Gill has received it once and it feels incredible to know our hard work is recognised.

"Helping people from Maghull, Ormskirk and Skelmersdale to achieve their dreams makes this the best job in the world and to be recognised nationally for doing something we absolutely love feels fantastic. As self-employed franchisees we are always treated so well by Slimming World, and to be invited to an event like Gold and Pearl Day was amazing – it really was the VIP treatment!

"Having the chance to get together with other high-achieving Consultants from across the country to share ideas and experiences is yet another example of the superb support that we get as Slimming World franchisees.

"All Slimming World Consultants receive in-depth training from the Slimming World Academy, based at Slimming World's national Derbyshire head office, to help give their members the support they need to make long-term changes to improve their health and wellbeing as well as passing their new habits ion to their family. Training includes the role of diet and activity in weight management. Crucially, it also includes training in how to help members to lift the guilt and shame they may feel as a result of struggling with their weight and help them to form healthy lifestyle habits.

"We headed home at the end of the day brimming with ideas for helping my members, and can't wait to use what we learnt to take the support we give in group to the next level. We know what it's like to struggle with your weight and we also know that with the right kind of support you can really make long-term healthy changes to lose weight and keep it off for good".

To join Sue's award-winning groups, which are held every Monday at 9 and 11am or 3:30 and 5:30pm at Ashhurst Centre, Skelmersdale or Saturdays at 8:30 and 10:30am or 12:30pm in St Anne's School, Ormskirk, either pop along or give Sue a call on **07817444580.** Alternatively Gill's award-winning groups are held on Saturdays at 8:30 and 10:30am in Cheshire Lines, Sefton Lane, Maghull, L31 8BT. Gills number is **07921222405**, email gillslimmimgworldmaghull@gmail.com or visit Gill's face book page Gill Slimming World Maghull for more information.

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Green Lane
7.30am & 9.30am
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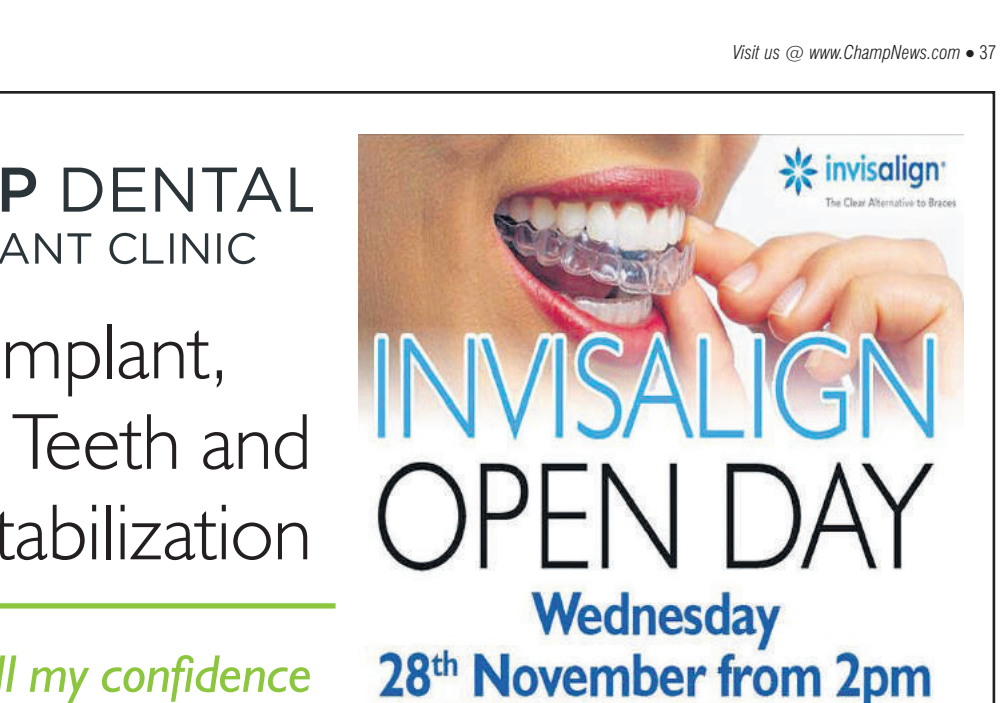

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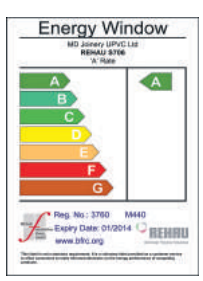

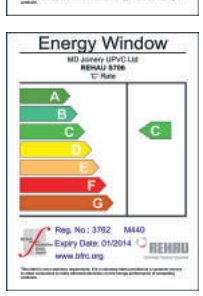

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Assisted conception services expanded to include single women and same sex couples

Report by **Kenny Parker**

ASSISTED conception services offered by the local health authorities have now been expanded to include older women, single women, same sex female couples and the transgender community.

In order to pay for the service expansion patients will now be offered only one unit of treatment instead of the present two. However, a spokesperson has said that changes to the definition of what one unit involves means that patients will still be given the "maximum opportunity" to conceive.

All eight NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Lancashire and South Cumbria have passed an updated and revised assisted conception services policy, which includes treatments like IVF (in vitro fertilisation). This follows a 12-week consultation period, during which local people were asked for their views on the provision of assisted conception services.

Changes

Several changes within the revised policy extend the service to allow access to wider patient groups than before. This includes increasing the upper age limit for women and ensuring same sex female couples, single women and the transgender community have equity of access.

The health authority says that in order to fund these changes within the existing budget, the number of available units of treatment (usually referred to as cycles) has been reduced from two to one.

A new definition of a unit will be used, however, to permit the use of all the embryos created and prepared for IVF, no matter how many, until a live birth is achieved. Previously, there was no clear and consistent definition across service providers of how many embryos could be used as part of a unit.

Statistics also show that 26.5% of women conceive following their first unit of treatment, and that subsequent attempts are less likely to succeed.

A spokesperson for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, said: "The one unit/ cycle of treatment that is available under the revised policy clearly stipulates that the transfer of all fresh and frozen embryos created as part of that unit/cycle will be included until either a live birth is achieved or no embryos are remaining. This means there is no limit imposed upon the number of embryos that can be created and transferred. Patients therefore will get the maximum opportunity and the same level of treatment, regardless of the service provider used."

Andy Curran, executive medical director for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Andy Curran, executive medical director for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, said: "Until now each CCG area of Lancashire and South Cumbria had different access criteria for assisted conception services. It was important to ensure equal access for people across our whole geography. We asked local people, clinicians and other stakeholders what they thought and ensured the revised policy enabled access to groups identified in NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) guidance. We expect the increased access to wider patient groups in the new policy will be funded within the existing budget."

The access and treatment criteria within the revised policy will apply to new referrals to the assisted conception service.

All patients who have already been referred to a specialist provider of assisted conception services will continue to receive the level of service in place when their referral was made.

'Live Autopsy' demo at West Lancs College

A DEVICE featured on the BBC's Dragons' Den programme, which aims to help students and healthcare professionals working in the field of human anatomy, has been on show during West Lancashire College's Open Events.

The ITAE Group brought their new semi-synthetic cadaver, VIVIT, and Operating Theatre Live demonstration to the Skelmersdale college.

Samuel Piri, the man behind VIVIT and chief executive of the ITAE Group, is an acclaimed human anatomist

. He is responsible for creating the life-like cadaver to provide a live human body dissection.

The ITAE Group claims to provide the world's only travelling live post mortem experience.

Visitors to the college's Open Event on Monday, October 29 could see Operating Theatre Live.

And Vivit Live Autopsy will be at the college on Wednesday, November 14, from 5 to 8pm.

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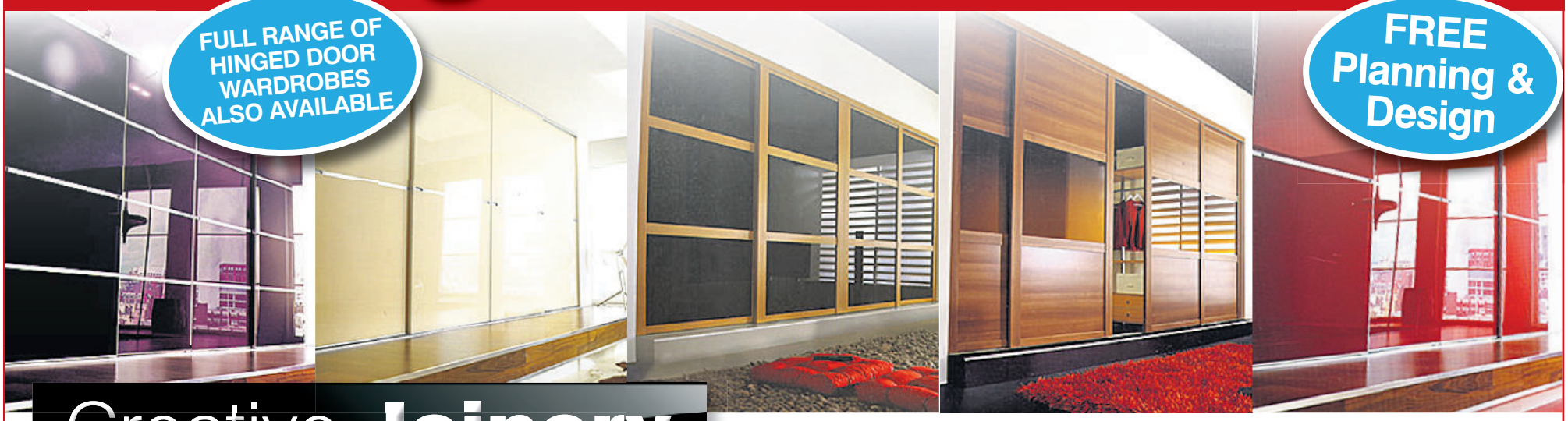

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Orchestra to celebrate works of great composers

THE orchestra and choir of Ormskirk Music Society perform their autumn concert on Saturday, November 17 at 7.30pm at Ormskirk School, and expect to delight the audience with a programme celebrating the works of three great classical composers: Beethoven, Schubert and Mendelsohn.

As usual there will be the treat of hearing orchestra and choir perform together, as well as pieces for choir and orchestra separately.

Virtuoso pianist, Tom Kimmance, joins with the orchestra to perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major, Opus 15. Beethoven premiered this impressive concerto himself at the age of just 25, displaying his own virtuosity as a pianist.

Another major feature will be Schubert's 2nd Symphony in B flat Major, written when he was only 17 years old, but sadly never performed in the composer's short lifetime. This celebrated work displays the composer's astonishing harmonic shifts, and his joyful, energetic and effervescent style.

The concert will begin with Mendelssohn's Overture The Fair Melusine, which tells of a water sprite who is magically able to take human form and marries, but has to return to the sea every week, with an eventual tragic end. The graceful burbling theme evokes Melusina and her natural environment of the sea, with other turbulent passages relating to the storm and stress of life among humans.

The programme also includes two enchanting Mendelssohn choral works: Hear My Prayer/'O for the wings of a dove!', and Verleih uns Frieden (Grant us Peace).

In addition, to mark the centenary of Votes for Women, the women of the choir will sing March of the Women by English composer and Suffragette, Dame Ethel Smyth.

Tom Kimmance with Ormskirk Music Society's orchestra

Tickets are available online from TicketSource.co.uk, in advance from Catherine Ness (01695 556548 or catherine.oms@btinternet.com) or on the door priced at £10, £5 for under-18s and students. For more information, visit ormskirkmusicsociety.org.uk or facebook.com/Ormskirk-MusicSociety.

Church holding Jazz night

THE next Grosvenor Jazz night takes place at Birkdale United Reformed Church in Birkdale, Southport on Saturday, November 24 at 7.30pm.

It's the second in the series of Jazz events and the first one sold out.

It features the Phil Shotton Trio with guest singer Kathy Brooke.

They will be performing a wide and varied repertoire of jazz standards from The Great American Songbook and beyond.

Admission is by ticket only and costs £10 including a light supper. Call Brian on 07817 540133.

Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Bing Crosby - White Christmas. **2.** Capricorn. **3.** The Christmas Cracker. **4.** Calling birds. **5.** Always On My Mind. **6.** Arrival **7.** Silent Night. **8.** Nurnberg **9.** Another Brick In The Wall - Pink Floyd. **10.** William the Conqueror. **11.** Charlie Chaplin. **12.** Little Drummer Boy. **13.** Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas. **14.** Australia. **15.** Egypt. **16.** Germany. **17.** Nine. **18.** Jacob Marley. **19.** The Grinch. **20.** The Beatles. **21.** France. **22.** Jingle Bells. **23.** Home Alone 2. **24.** Baubles. **25.** Mincemeat. **26.** Finland. **27.** Adyocaat and Lemonade. **28.** Marzipan. **29.** A carpenter. **30.** Six.

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(REVOCATIONS AND VARIOUS PARKING RESTRICTIONS (JUNE NO1)) ORDER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 31 October 2018 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to: 1. Revoke: a. The "Lancashire County Council (South Ribble Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (4) of Schedule 2.01; b. The "Lancashire County Council (Hough Lane, Leyland, South Ribble Borough) (Revocation Of Limited Waiting, Taxi Rank And Limited Waiting) Order 2012" insofar as it relates to Schedule 3; c. The "Lancashire County Council (Rossendale Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:

i. Items (2) and (14) of Schedule 2.01;
ii. Item (19) of Schedule 10.01;
iii. Item (11) of Schedule 11.007;
iv. Item (1) of Schedule 11.047;
v. Items (7)b)(vi), (7)b)(ix), (43)b) and (51)b) of Schedule 11.075;
vi. Items (1)a), (1)b)(i) and (1)b)(ii) of Schedule 11.078.

d. The "Lancashire County Council (Pilling Street, Haslingden, Rossendale Borough) (Disabled Parking Place) Order 2010" in full;
e. The "Lancashire County Council (Various Roads (Various Locations), Rossendale Borough) (Part Revocation, Disabled Parking Place, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Order 2012" insofar as it relates to Item 2 of Schedule 8; f. The "Lancashire County Council (Bacup Road, Haslingden Road, Market Street, Peel Street And Rawsthorne Avenue, Edenfield, Rawtenstall And Whitworth, Rossendale Borough) (Part Revocation, Prohibition Of Waiting, Prohibition Of Stopping On School Keep Clear Markings And Disabled Parking Place) Order 2014" insofar as it relates to Schedule 3; g. The "Lancashire County Council (11 Edward Street,Haslingden, Rossendale Borough) (Disabled Parking Place) Order 2008" in full; h. The "Lancashire County Council (Fylde Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (235)b) of Schedule 10.01; i. The "Lancashire County Council (Orchard Road, Park Road, St Andrew's Road South, St David's Road South, St George's Road, The Crescent And Wood Street, St Annes, Fylde Borough) (Revocation, Prohibition Of Waiting And Limited Waiting) Order 2017" insofar as it relates to:

i. Schedule 4;
ii. Item a) of Schedule 5;
iii. Items a), b), c), d), e), f), g), h), and j) of Schedule 3.

j. The "Lancashire County Council (Wyre Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Items (176)a)(i), (176)a)(ii) and (176)b) of Schedule 10.01;
k. The "Lancashire County Council (Argyle Road, Garstang Road East, Moorland, Moorway, The Spinney, Poulton Le Fylde, Wyre Borough (Prohibition Of Waiting) Order 2015" insofar as it relates to Item 5) of the Schedule;
l. The "Lancashire County Council (Pendle Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:

i. Items (17)(ii) and (259) of Schedule 10.01;
ii. Item (3) of Schedule 12.053;
iii. Item (5) of Schedule 12.084;
iv. Item (1) of Schedule 14.30.

m. The "Lancashire County Council (Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, West Lancashire District) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item i) from the Schedule; n. The "Lancashire County Council (West Lancs Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item 1)(ii) of Schedule 11.040; o. The "Lancashire County Council (Chorley Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (68)b) of Schedule 10.01.
2. Introduce a disabled parking space in Hough Lane, Leyland, the southeast side, from a point 52 metres east of the centreline of Meadow Street for a distance of 6.6 metres in an easterly direction.
3. Introduce a taxi stand in Hough Lane, Leyland, the south east side, from a point 34.5 metres east of the centreline of Meadow Street for a distance of 17.5 metres in an easterly direction. 4. Introduce a prohibition of waiting in the following lengths of road: a. Brierley Road, Walton Summit, both sides, from a point 15 metres south east of the centreline of Newfield Road in a north westerly direction to a point 55 metres north west of the centreline of Walton Summit Road; b. Dorothy Avenue, Leyland, the north side, from a point 55.5 metres south of the centreline of Hough Lane (measured along the eastern kerbline) for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction; c. Dorothy Avenue, Leyland, the south side, from a point 69 metres south of the centreline of Hough Lane (measured along the western kerbline) for a distance of 4.5 metres in an easterly direction; d. Dorothy Avenue, Leyland, the west side, from a point 28 metres south of the centreline of Hough Lane for a distance of 40.5 metres on a southerly direction; e. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, both sides, from the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 42 metres in a south westerly direction; f. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the north west side, from the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 180 metres in a north easterly direction; g. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side, from a point 65 metres south west of the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 35 metres in a south westerly direction; h. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side from a point 144 metres south west of the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 35 metres in a south westerly direction; i. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side from the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 42 metres in a north easterly direction; j. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side from a point 97 metres north east of the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 45 metres in a north easterly direction; k. Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, the north side, from the centreline of Bury Road to the centreline of James Street; l. Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, the south side, from the centreline of Bury Road to the centreline of Markross Street; m. Booth Street, Rawtenstall, the north side, from the centreline of Burnley Road East for a distance of 26 metres in an easterly direction; n. Booth Street, Rawtenstall, the south side, from the centreline of Burnley Road East for a distance of 16 metres in an easterly direction; o. Highfield Street, Haslingden, both sides, from the centreline of Grane Road for a distance of 10 metres in a south easterly direction; p. Longholme Road, Rawtenstall, the west side, from the centreline of Bacup Road for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction; q. St Andrews Road South, St Annes, the north east side, from the centreline of The Crescent for a distance of 10.5 metres in a south easterly direction; r. The Crescent, St Annes, the south east side, from a point 7 metres south west of the centreline of St Andrews Road South to a point 11 metres north east of the centreline of St Andrews Road South; s. Moorland Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, the north east side, from a point 14 metres north east of the centreline of Sheringham Way to a point 18 metres north west of the centreline of Moorway; t. Moorland Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, the south west side, from a point 14 metres north west of the centreline of Sheringham Way to a point 140 metres south east of the centreline of Moorway; u. Craddock Road, Colne, the south side, from the centreline of St John Street for a distance of 12 metres in a westerly direction; v. Craddock Road, Colne, the south side, from a point 46 metres west of the centreline of St John Street for a distance of 11 metres in a westerly direction; w. Pendle Street, Nelson, both sides, from New Scotland Road to Scotland Road; x. Scotland Road, Nelson, the east side, from a point 3 metres south of the centreline of Russell Street to a point 5 metres south of the centreline of Forest Street; y. Glebe Road, Skelmersdale, the north side, from a point 262 metres north west of the centreline of Greetby Place, measured along the centreline, in a northerly direction to its western extremity including the turning head; z. Glebe Road, Skelmersdale, the south side, from a point 27 metres east of the centreline of Grimrod Place in a north westerly direction to its western extremity including the turning head; aa. Grammar School Gardens, Ormskirk, the south side, from a point 20 metres east of the centreline of Mill Street (including the turning head) to a point on the north side 117 metres from the centreline of Mill Street; bb. Grimrod Place, Skelmersdale, the east side, from the centreline of Glebe Road in a southerly direction to a point 212 metres north of the centreline of Gillibrands Road; cc. Grimrod Place, Skelmersdale, the west and south west side, from the centreline of Gillibrands Road in a general northerly then north westerly direction to Glebe Road; dd. Merchant Road, Ormskirk, the north and west side, from the centreline of Pinfold Road in an easterly then northerly direction to its junction with Warpers Way; ee. Merchant Road, Ormskirk, the south side, from the centreline of Pinfold Road for a distance of 13 metres in an easterly direction; ff. Merchant Road, Ormskirk, the south and west side, from a point 78.5 metres east of the centreline of Pinfold Road in an easterly then southerly direction to a point 18 metres north of the centreline of Mulberry Close; gg. Pinfold Road, Ormskirk, the east side, from the centreline of Wigan Road (A577) in a southerly direction to a point 42 metres south of the centreline of Merchant Road; hh. Pinfold Road, Ormskirk, the west side, from the centreline of Wigan Road (A577) for a distance of 64.5 meters in a southerly direction; ii. Pinfold Road, Ormskirk, the west side, from a point 10 metres north of the centreline of Merchant Road in a southerly direction to a point 10 metres south of the centreline of Merchant Road; jj. Bolton Road, Anderton, the south west side, from the centreline of Railway Road (B6227) for a distance of 63 metres in a south easterly direction; kk. Chorley Road, Adlington, the south west side, from a point 37 metres north west of the centreline of Railway Road (B6227) for a distance of 21 metres in a north westerly direction.
5. Introduce a restriction of waiting, from Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm, in the following lengths of road: a. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, the east side, from a point 124 metres north of the centreline of Spencers Drive to a point 33 metres north of the centreline of Nursery Drive; b. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, the west side, from a point 20 metres north of the centreline of Nursery Drive for a distance of 118 metres in a northerly direction.
6. Introduce a restriction of waiting, from Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road: a. Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, the north side, from the centreline of James Street in an easterly direction to a point 84 metres east of the centreline of Kay Street; b. Bury Road, Rawtenstall, the south side, from the centreline of Cherry Tree Lane in an easterly direction to a point opposite the centreline of Andrew Avenue; c. Longholme Road, Rawtenstall, the west side, from a point 15 metres south of the centreline of Bacup Road for a distance of 34 metres in a southerly direction; d. New Line, Bacup, the north side, from the centreline of Newchurch Road for a distance of 110 metres in an easterly direction; e. New Line, Bacup, the south side, from the centreline of Newchurch Road to a point 25 metres west of the centreline of Stubbylee Lane; f. Newchurch Road, Stacksteads, the north side, from the centreline of Queen's Terrace for a distance of 138 metres in an easterly direction.
7. Introduce limited waiting, for 1 hour with no return within 1 hour, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm, in St Davids Road South, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 18 metres north west of the centreline of St Albans Road for a distance of 50 metres in a north westerly direction.
8. Introduce limited waiting, for 1 hour with no return within 2 hours, from Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm, in Craddock Road, Colne, the south side, from a point 12 metres west of the centreline of St John Street for a distance of 34 metres in a westerly direction. 9. Introduce limited waiting, for 90 minutes with no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road: a. Orchard Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 29 metres south east of the centreline of St Anne's Road West for a distance of 22 metres in a south easterly direction; b. Orchard Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 17 meters north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 40 metres in a north westerly direction; c. Orchard Road, St Annes, the south west side, from a point 29 metres south east of the centreline of St Anne's Road West for a distance of 22 metres in a south easterly direction; d. Orchard Road, St Annes, the south west side, from a point 17 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 40 metres in a north westerly direction; e. Park Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 20 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 33 metres in a north westerly direction; f. Park Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 8 metres north west of the centreline of Back West Crescent for a distance of 29 metres in a north westerly direction; g. Park Road, St Annes, the south east side, from a point 20 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 37 metres in a north westerly direction; h. Park Road, St Annes, the south west side, from a point 73 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 21 metres in a north westerly direction; i. St Andrews Road South, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 10.5 metres south east of the centreline of The Crescent for a distance of 177 metres in a south easterly direction.
10. Introduce limited waiting, for 90 minutes, no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday between 9am and 6pm, in Wood Street, St Annes, the north west side, from a point 11 metres south west of the centreline of St Andrews Road South to a point 11 metres north east of the centreline of Park Road.
11. Introduce a prohibition of loading/unloading in Schofield Street, Waterfoot, Rawtenstall, the south side, from a point 4.2 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Burnley Road East for a distance of 16.5 metres in a westerly direction.
This Order will come into force on the 09 November 2018. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, at the offices of Rossendale Borough Council, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB, at the offices of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1LW, at the offices of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU, at the offices of Pendle Borough Council, No1 Market Street, Nelson, Lancs, BB9 9LU, at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, at the offices of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP, at the offices of The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, **quoting ref: LSG4/894.4691/HL1**. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
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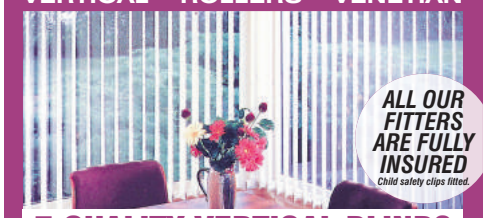

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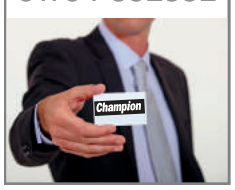

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Pam, Mark & Lee would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations for Christies Hospital, received during their recent sad loss of a much loved Husband, Dad and Grandad.
Thanks also to Rev. Andrew Housley for his kind words of comfort and to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WOOD PAM

The Family of the late Pam wood wish to express sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their kind thoughts, cards and donations for Southport Intensive care unit.A special thanks to Pete Goulding for his kind words and ministrations of Pams life, also a big thankyou to Howards Funeral Directors.

DEATHS

BURDEKIN TONY R-I-P

29th October 2018

Aged 90 years

Died peacefully at Abbendon Care Home. Loving husband of the late Elsie. Tony will be greatly missed by all his children, Grandchildren and all who knew him.
"A special thank you to the staff at Abbendon Care Home for the devoted care and attention given towards Tony and his family."
Graveside service at Duke Street Cemetery on Monday 12th November at 1:00pm. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

SPEERS ELIZABETH

Died peacefully at Southview Lodge on 5th November 2018

Aged 95

Betty will be missed by her family and all who knew her.

Funeral to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 12.15pm.

Family flowers only please however donations are being gratefully received for British Heart Foundation.

Further enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors 311, Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire, PR4 6RJ Telephone – 01772 811165

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DEATHS

BOSTOCK ROSALIE

1st November 2018
Passed away peacefully in hospital after a short illness aged 78 years

Much loved Wife of Brian. Devoted Mum of Michelle, Elaine, John & Stephanie, Dear Mother-in-law of Phil, Steven & Mary, and a Loving Grandma & Great-Grandma. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Claire House Childrens Hospice.

For funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Tel: 01695 424888.

PARR GEOFFREY (GEOFF)

Passed away peacefully in St Catherine's Hospice 28th October 2018 aged 53 years

Dearly beloved Son of Dick and Joan. Much loved Dad of Tatum Louise. Dear Brother of Stephen. Geoff will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 9th November 2018 at 11.30am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for St Catherine's Hospice. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

To place a family **announcement** please call 01704 392392

DEATHS

FOSTER MARY CATHERINE

29th October 2018
Suddenly at home aged 81 years

Loving Wife of the late James, devoted Mum of John, Lynn, Paula and Kim. Cherished nan of Laura, Carly, Aaron, Hollie, Ross, Morgan, Kieran, Megan and Ben. Great Nan of Henry, Oliver and Sadie. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 9th November at 10am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Skelmersdale Fire Station.
All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

FAZAKERLEY ADELAIDE

31st October 2018

Aged 71 Years

Devoted Wife of the late James, loving Mum of Clare and Sarah, dear Mother-in-Law of Richard and Alex, precious Grandma to Noah and Ephra. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.
Funeral service will take place on Thursday 8th November at 11am at Christ Church Aughton, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired to the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS).

Further Enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors 311, Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire. PR4 6RJ Tel: 01772 811165

DEATHS

CHIEFFO ANTHONY

27th October 2018
Passed away peacefully at home.

Loving Husband of Linda and Father to Ben. Tony will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only however donations are being collected in fond memory of Tony for British Heart Foundation.

Further Enquiries to Newland & Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors. 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, Lancashire PR4 6RJ Telephone 01772 811165

YOUNG DAVID

30th October 2018
Passed away at home, after a period of illness, aged 87 years. Parbold resident.

Sadly missed by his Wife Margaret, Daughter Alison & Son Mark, together with their immediate family. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Parbold, on Thursday 8th November at 1.15pm, followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice and MacMillan Cancer Support.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Rd North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

CHERRY BARBARA ANNE

Passed away peacefully 1st November 2018 aged 71 years of Burscough

Dearly Loved and Devoted Wife of Ken, Much Loved Mum of Paul and Christopher, Loved and Missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 1st November 2018 at 10.45 pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Pulmonary Arterial Hyper Tension Association.

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HADFIELD PETER THOMAS (PETE)

28th October 2018
Peacefully in hospital aged 81 years

Loving Huband of Beryl, devoted Dad of Julie and Peter, dear Father in law of John and Jo, cherished Grandad of Michelle, Kathryn, Tilly and Archie, and Great Grandad of Ava and Harry. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 14th November at 10.45am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for NW Air Ambulance. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane, Tel:01695 559868

DEATHS

PYE WILFRED (WILF)

1st November 2018
Passed away peacefully in hospital aged 90 years

'A True Gentleman'

Beloved Husband of Beryle, Much loved Dad of Deborah & Rachel, Loving Grandad of Nisha, Liam, Kerenza & Bryony, and a dear Father-in-law of Marc & Jason.

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Tuesday 13th November at 10.45am. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice and Galloways Society for the Blind.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888.

ARMSTRONG JAMES (JIMMY)

1st November 2018
surrounded by his loving family

Much loved and devoted Husband of Angela, Father of Charlie, James and Christine. Grandfather to Paul, Lauren, Sophie, Thomas and Kai. Great Grandad to Lucas and Erin.
'The hardest of goodbyes'
It is with great sadness that we announce his passing. The service will take place at West Lancs Crematorium on Tuesday 13th November at 1.45pm. This will be followed with a celebration at The Eureka pub in Ormskirk. Family flowers only, donations to The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK. Informal and cheerful dress. Further enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, Burscough Street, Ormskirk, Lancashire Tel: 01695 572997

THOMPSON CHRISTINA

(Aka Julia)
31st October 2018
aged 96 years

R.I.P. My lovely, Sylvia x

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Cherished memories of my dear friend Julia, locked in my heart forever, Ann xx
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Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 12th November 2018 at 10am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for British Heart Foundation.
All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

YATES MARY JOSEPHINE (KNOWN AS JOSEPHINE)

On 29th October 2018
Peacefully at Home
R.I.P.

Dearly loved Wife of the late Geoffrey, Associate of Honour of NAFAS, long serving member of Southport Flower Club, formerly known as West Lancashire Flower Club, member of Southport Luncheon Club and Southport Little Theatre.
Requiem Mass will take place at Holy Family Church on Friday 23rd November at 11:00am, followed by the interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery Ainsdale. Donations in lieu of flowers for St Josephs Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG.

SQUIRES DIANNE

October 26th 2018
Suddenly in Hospital

Dearly loved Wife of Robert (Deceased). Dear Daughter of Dorothy and the late Arthur Hough. Dear Sister of Dorothy and Michael (Deceased) Brother-In-Law Keith and Sister-In-Law Brenda. Sadly missed by her Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and Friends.
Service at Thornton Crematorium on Monday November 12th 2018 at 2pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the R.N.LI C/o H.Leslie Humpreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

LEA JOAN

Passed away at home
4th November 2018
aged 87 years
of Ormskirk

Much loved Wife, Mum & Nana, Loved and missed by all her family and friends.

For funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel. 01695 424888.

CROPPER (NEE FIDDLER) JEAN

Peacefully in hospital on 31st October 2018 aged 76 years.

Beloved Wife of John, dearly loved Mother of David, Elaine and Richard, and loving Grandma of Ellen, Jack, Anna, Henry, Millie and Joe
Will be sadly missed by all who knew her
Funeral service at St. Stephen's Parish Church, Banks on Tuesday 13th November at 12 noon, prior to interment at St Michael's Parish Church, Hoole.
Family flowers only please; donations preferred to Breast Cancer UK and St Stephen's Church, Banks
c/o the funeral director.
Inquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton Tel: 01772 301700

DOLE JOYCE

28th October 2018
Aged 95 years

Died peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Devoted Wife of the late Trevor, much loved Mum of Alison and Ian.
Loving Nana of Paul and Laura. Joyce will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 9th November at 10:40am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being collected for R.N.L.I.
Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane. Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

TAYLOR GERALD EDWARD

29th October 2018
Peacefully in Hospital with his family after a short illness
Aged 86 years

Loving Husband, Father and Grand Pa, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Funeral service at All Saints with St Fridewyde Church Crosby on Monday November 12th at 11.15am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to St Josephs Hospice
c/o H,Leslie Humpreys 69 Liverpool Roadm Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

LYNCH SHAUN

3rd November 2018
Suddenly
aged 41 years

Loving Husband of Marie, devoted Dad of Emily and Antony, cherished Son, Brother, Grandson and Nephew. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.
Family flowers only please by request.
Donations if desired for Epilepsy Society / Sleep Apnea - Aintree Hospital. Funeral details and further enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Services 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

MERRILLS PAUL

Passed away on 3rd November 2018 aged 51 years of Burscough

Dearly Loved Dad of Anthony, Ashley, Lewis, Bethany, Trinity & Finlay, Loving Son of Dot & and the Late Harold. Dearest Brother of Geoffrey, Sarah, Michael, Frances & Harold.

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PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2018/0055
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Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 28 November 2018 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

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Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 7 November 2018

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/0966/FUL Change of use to mixed use of the site (agricultural and keeping of horses). Erection of 2no. chicken sheds, 1no. barn and retention of concrete hardstanding at front of site to provide off road car parking at Land And Stables Opposite Freshfield, Vale Lane, Lathom. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

2018/1027/FUL Enlargement of 3No existing windows to rear elevation and the addition of 1No new bay window to side elevation at Delph Lodge, Brandreth Park, Parbold. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1063/FUL Provision of hardstanding to the front of 2 Fulwood Avenue at Briar Dene Nursery School, 2 Fulwood Avenue, Tarleton. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1075/FUL Single story rear extension at 206 Station Road, Hesketh Bank. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2018/1090/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters - (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of residential development of 120 dwellings, open space and associated infrastructure at Land To The North Of Cobbs Clough, Whalleys Road, Skelmersdale.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

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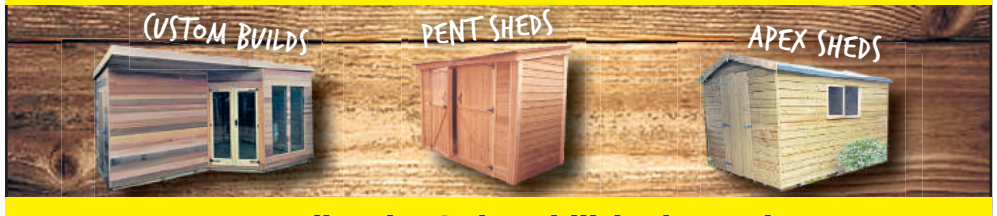

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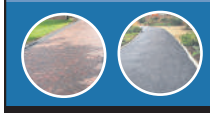

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WHO remembers Cheesy Peas? It was a fictional delicacy popularised on Nineties funny-fest *The Fast Show* – and, to my mind at least, shorthand for anything that sounds inherently wrong but actually ends up working unexpectedly well.

Go on, admit it. Cheesy Peas sounds like a stomach-churning concept but I bet you'd happily wolf it down if it was served with sausage and chips after a cold November night out.

It makes about as much sense as Dolly Parton's *Nine to Five* being played over a fight scene in *Deadpool 2* or Jeremy Clarkson being given Chris Tarrant's old gig on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* – yet all these baffling concepts somehow work.

The Porsche 911 is very Cheesy Peas. Any car nut who knows their stuff is educated from an early age that a sports car has its engine up the front, some wheelspin at the back and a driver grinning childishly somewhere in the middle, yet the chaps in Stuttgart decided to launch one with all the important gubbins at the rear. It's all out of sync, yet in Porsche's 70th anniversary year it went so far to refer to the 911 as "our icon" in its own business assessment. Having now driven one for the first time, I have to agree.

There have been many different 911s over the years - and none truly make sense

There have been all sorts of 911s over the years but the car I was entrusted with was a 1970 model, which represents a sweet spot between Porsche realising it'd cocked up the original car slightly but before it started adding turbos, four-wheel drive, wider bodywork and water-cooled engines into the mix. So it has a 2.2-litre flat six rather than the two-litre, and a slightly longer wheelbase to tame the original's appetite for lift-off oversteer.

It is the oddest sports car experience, yet it *really* works. With no mechanicals weighing down the front wheels the steering feels super-light, yet it's packed with feel, and while it's a bit weird hearing a boxer engine fire up behind you, it's hard to deny that it revs beautifully and pulls – sorry, pushes – really well. You also sit far too close to the windscreen, the steering and pedals are offset, the dashboard layout is a complete mess, and yet it all adds up to a package that's weirdly addictive.

So I'm not even remotely surprised that for all the attempts to replace it with the 928 and decades-long process of little improvements that Porsche's mainstay is still a car that has a boxer engine slug out miles between some barely usable rear seats. Sometimes things don't have to make sense to be enjoyable, and long may it continue sticking two fingers up at motoring convention.

Stranger things have happened, after all. Cheesy Peas have been made into a Jamie Oliver-endorsed real-life recipe, for instance…

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Last gasp equaliser gives new Burscough boss Green a point in first match

Skem's Will Dunne challenges for the ball and right: Davy Moore goes on a run for the home side. Pictures by John Driscoll

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Burscough 1
Charnock Richard 1

BURSCOUGH scored a last gasp equaliser deep into injury time to rescue a deserved point against Charnock Richard.

The 'Parbold Hill Derby" was the first game in charge for new boss Terry Green.

Burscough manager Terry Green.

Burscough could have scored in the first half but Charnock held on and improved in the second half.

In the 79th minute Charnock's renowned centre-forward Carl Grimshaw held off two defenders and slammed the ball into the Burscough net from 15 yards.

In the 92nd minute, Whyte brought the ball down around 35 yards out, turned and ran at the Charnock defence.

He managed to slip the ball behind them to Zama, who sent the ball low under Hallen into the net to rescue a point.

New manager Green has been assistant manager of Squires Gate and played a big part in the club's move up the North-West Counties Premier Division table.

Interestingly, Burscough are at home to Squires Gate on Tuesday, November 13, who are only one place above Burscough in the league table on the same points so expect a spicy night.

This Saturday, Burscough are back in cup action when they entertain Sandbach United at Victoria Park in the Macron Cup.

Skem well-beaten as new striker Daniels is stretchered off only 14 minutes into debut

Skelmersdale United 0
Ramsbottom United 3

SKELMERSDALE United were beaten by Ramsbottom United last Saturday and to make matters worse striker Declan Daniels was stretchered off with an ankle injury only 14 minutes into his debut.

The opening exchanges had been pretty even and it was Daniels that was the first to get a viable shot in.

Chas Duke played a long ball that was headed on by Davy Moore, Daniels ran onto it but saw his left foot shot was grasped by the visitors former Skelmersdale championship winning goalkeeper Sam Ashton.

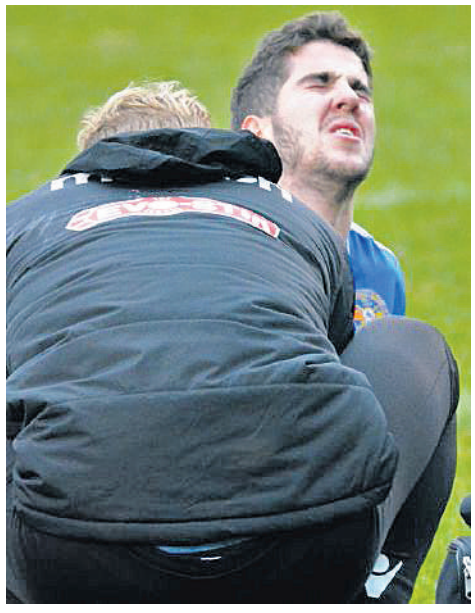
Sadly Daniels was left on the floor and after a break he was carried off on a stretcher, to be replaced by Oliver Van Veen.

The halt in play saw Ramsbottom restart the quicker and after a couple of near misses they struck on 22 minutes.

Tony Donaldson, another former Skem star, managed to get a cross in from the left and after a couple of touches the ball fell neatly to Ruben Jerome, who fired into the Skem net from about four yards out.

Four minutes later Rammy almost grabbed a second goal, Tom Kennedy hoisted a free-kick in from the right and it was met at the far post by a Ryan Ellison header that only just cleared the crossbar.

Matters evened up a bit before half-time and Skem hauled themselves back into contention, but chances were few at both ends of the pitch. After half-time the tempo continued in the same manner, plenty of endeavour but not much quality, a situation that wasn't aided by the bumpy Volair Park surface.



Declan Daniels receives treatment for his ankle injury before he is stretchered off

On the hour mark Ramsbottom's Jerome took matters into his own hands and set off on a mazy run in the Skem penalty area before slipping the ball to Nic Evangelinos. His shot was superbly cleared off the Skem goal-line but went directly to Joel Bembo-Leta, but he blazed a great opportunity well wide. Four minutes later Evangelinos set off on a run from the halfway line, he played the ball to Jerome who was challenged by Dimitrios Christou and it could be said that the ball dropped kindly for Jerome, who had the space to direct his shot past out rushing Skem goalkeeper Terry Smith to make it 2-0.

For Skem Will Dunne brought a good diving save out of Ashton at his near post, but it was Rammy who were to kill the game off as a contest.

Substitute Louis Rowe brought a bouncing ball down on the right and ran at the home defence before having a shot at goal from 12 yards that Smith parried away. Unfortunately the ball dropped to Evangelinos, who was able to create an angle a give Ramsbottom a 3-0 lead.

Earlier in the game Phil Mooney had been booked for a foul on Donaldson, he got a second yellow three minutes from the end for a foul on Evangelinos and Skem finished with ten men, but the game was over long before the dismissal.

After the match Skelmersdale manager Dave Powell said he thought his side had started brightly, but said the break for injury didn't help his team.

He said: "We just didn't get going again. We lost our momentum and a little bit of focus, but credit to Ramsbottom they are an experienced side, they played a bit but they stopped us from playing at the same time."

This Saturday, Skem go in search of their second away win of the season in east Lancashire when they travel over to Clitheroe.

Skelmersdale will be looking for their shooting boots having only scored eight league goals this season.

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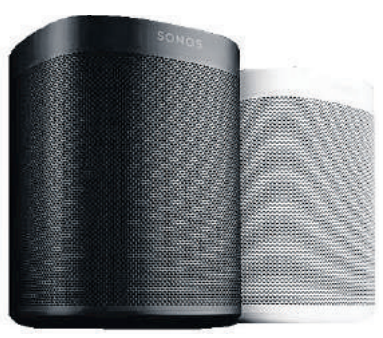

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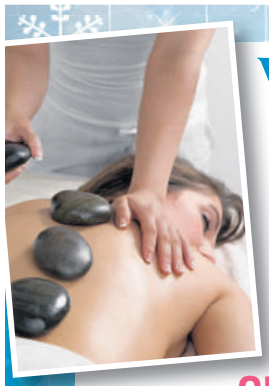

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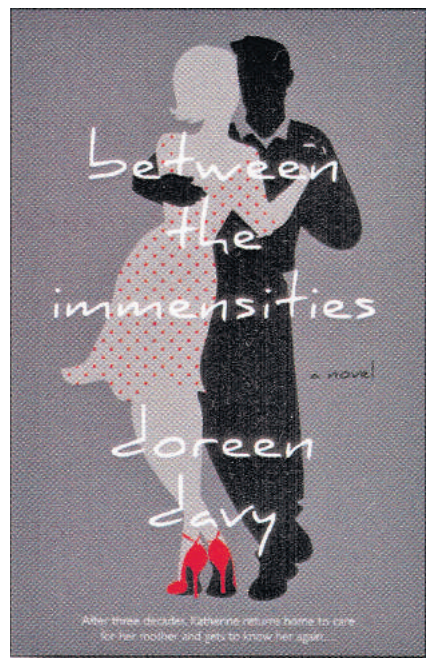
Cognitive behaviour psychologist, Doreen Davy releases an eye-opening semi-autobiographical novel.

Liverpudlian author and psychologist Dr Doreen Davy's latest book is titled Between the Immensities. This bizarre story was inspired by true events when the author returned to her hometown of Liverpool to care for her elderly mother.
Being a trained psychologist specialising in cognitive behaviour therapy, Doreen prided herself on being rational and objective, always able to find the scientific explanation for anything deemed 'supernatural'. However, shortly after her Mother's death strange incidents occurred that could not be rationally explained in any way. This resulted in Doreen's scepticism being strongly challenged, leading to a significant shift in her views of life and death.

The title Between the Immensities is derived from an old Celtic expression. Many years ago when people used to ask each other how they were doing, some would reply 'Still struggling between the immensities'. The immensities are birth and death and the bit in between is every day of our life. Doreen explains that "for many, especially for people like my mum who lived through the hungry years of the Great Depression only to be followed by the terrors of the Liverpool Blitzes during World War 2, life really could be a daily struggle". Doreen's mother was the last remaining survivor of the Bootle Co-op air-raid shelter which received a direct hit during May 1941, killing many of the people sheltering inside.

As well as being thought provoking and emotionally uplifting, the book provides plenty of humour and inspiration for the reader. Between the Immensities can be purchased online from The Book Guild or Amazon, and is available from all good bookshops. It's a story not easily forgotten.

Having spent thirty-six years living in New Zealand, psychologist Dr Katherine Moore finally succumbs to pressure from her sisters to return to Liverpool to care for their elderly mother. Moving into her mother's council flat in Bootle, Katherine is surprised at how negative her 'lovely gentle mammy' has become. Her initial unsuccessful attempts to deal with her mother's curmudgeonly attitude provide great entertainment for the family.



Yearning to connect with her mother in a more meaningful way, Katherine turns to the tools of her trade as a psychologist and gradually the delicate balance of family life is turned upside-down for everyone in the most unexpected ways.

Sprinkled throughout with Liverpudlian humour, between the Immensities is an entertaining and heart-warming story of how a shallow mother/daughter relationship blossoms into a loving and extraordinary alliance.

Dr. Doreen Davy was born and raised in Bootle, Liverpool and now lives in New Zealand where she works as a psychologist specialising in cognitive behaviour therapy

"A thoroughly enjoyable read... it is warm, tender, poignant, funny and informative. I really like the Liverpudlian humour."
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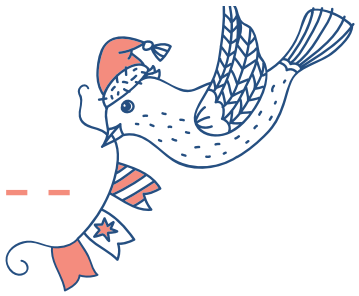
The Art of Gift Buying at Christmas....



One of the main reasons we have the custom of giving and receiving presents at Christmas is to remind us of the presents given to Jesus by the Wise Men: Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh.

Now we all know that thing about how Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. What isn't always so wonderful however, is that last minute dash for presents. The sense of panic that washes over you at the thought of what to buy your nearest and dearest. Yet at this time of year, with the big day rapidly approaching, many of us are still scratching around with not a clue as to what we will buy, or indeed where we will start. But don't let this confusion take over you. Keep a cool head, chill out with some Christmas music, pour yourself a drink and get your Christmas list ready!

We have worked on some ideas and strategies for the festive season and we hope you will find these tips helpful and useful.

Make the present an event. Get creative with the packaging! Rather than just handing them a gift in regular wrapping paper, think of the gifting experience as an event—and you want to make sure they enjoy it. Hide their gift and send them on a present hunt to find it. Rather than just giving them a gift card, hide a secret message in a book that sends them to the gift card code. And never underestimate the sheer fun of unwrapping presents. Sometimes, quantity can mean quality, when it's a bunch of small, individually wrapped items.

Give an experience. If she loves Les Mis but already has the book and the DVD, why not buy her tickets to see the show live at the theatre. Does a relative ever talk about something that he or she would love to try or experience, but they have never got around to buying it for themselves? There are a host of companies now that specialise in gift experience days, with an unbelievable choice of experiences available all over the UK. There's something for everyone, no matter what age they are. From luxurious pamper sessions and full day cooking courses, to more extreme experiences that involve jumping out of planes or racing around Silverstone in single seater racing cars.

Make a list of all the things the person is interested in and things that define who they are. Make this list long—spend a couple of minutes writing down as many things as you can. Now brainstorm something to go with every item on that list, big or small. You don't have to give all of those gifts, but you're likely going to hit on ideas you wouldn't have otherwise thought of, and when you combine a few of them, your giftee will appreciate how personal and thoughtful you were.

Ask yourself what that person needs. I know what you're saying right now. Stop it. They DO need something. The key is to think outside the box. What does somebody who is super successful in business need? More time, probably. Well there are lots of products out there to help people run their lives more efficiently.

Include a little bit of yourself. Make it personal in a different way—personalised from you rather than for them. Create a piece of art, write a song, knit something for them—you get the idea. Combine this with one (or more) of the above suggestions for an ultra-personalised gift.

Be charitable. Okay, so someone on your list REALLY does has everything they need? I don't believe you, but that's okay, because there are a lot of other people out there who don't have everything they need. Find something they're passionate about and donate to that cause. Did they once volunteer somewhere? Are they an animal lover? Why not donate to a rescue centre or adopt an animal for them. There are thousands of charities helping to get people off the streets, curing diseases and rehabilitating people. Make a gift to a cause that matters in their name.

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This exhibition has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and WLBC.

The second display entitled *"Out Of The Shadows"* will take place in the Gallery, and at participating businesses in Ormskirk Town Centre.

This Art Trail has been created by members of Learning Stars and Galloway's, supported and funded by WEA, WLBC and Arts Council England.

The artistic programme has been led by artist Julie James-Turner, who has created *"Threads Of Her Past"*, one of the artworks, in conjunction with Learning Stars.

These are two fascinating insights into life in West Lancashire and beyond during the First World War.

Other exhibitions taking place at this time include *"Paul Kidby: Discworld & Beyond"* and *"A Festival Of Tales"*.

Paul is a fantastic illustrator and was artist of choice for Sir Terry Pratchett. The show is an amazing collection of drawings and paintings with a great choice of merchandise that would make excellent Christmas gifts for the Pratchett fan in your life!

Continuing on from last years *"A Festival Of Tales"* exhibition, there will be another chance to see the amazing artwork produced by 5 local and international artists. Inspired by Ormskirk's heritage, this artwork will be enhanced this year by local school children's Gingerbread Artwork produced in conjunction with Ormskirk Community Partnership.

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Christmas Dinner... Do we eat in, or go out?

As Christmas draws ever closer and the panic of present buying, card writing and family visiting is at the forefront of our minds, one thing that we are all looking forward to is Christmas dinner.

That momentous occasion, which happens just once a year, when we look forward to devouring a mountain of pigs in blankets and chewing on tender slices of turkey, surrounded by our nearest and dearest. But is it really so terrible to assume that there are other families out there, that may have a tradition of going out for Christmas dinner? Truth is, it is each to their own, every family will have their own routine on December 25th and deciding on a way to suit everybody is never an easy task.

If you do decide to stay at home and cook on Christmas day, first things first, you know exactly what you're eating. For those people unable to eat certain food groups such as gluten, dairy or meat, the best thing about eating at home is you know exactly what has gone in to the meal you are eating. This inevitably means less stress and you can simply enjoy your Christmas meal without worrying.

Of course cooking at home won't always be plain sailing. There's a mountain of food to prepare, a number of heads to think about, table settings to be laid as well as that Christmas food shop, which can be both time consuming and stressful, as well as expensive. And finally, that thing we all dread on Christmas day. No, not the preparation nor the hours spent in a hot kitchen - it's the washing up. After enjoying a hearty Christmas meal, this is something that absolutely no one wants to do, certainly not the chef who has spent most of their day prepping and cooking. This is the real downside to cooking at home at Christmas - the mess that is caused in the kitchen during the day. A mountain of pots, pans, baking trays, plates and cutlery that no one enjoys cleaning up afterwards and that's a FACT!

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Christmas Dinner...

Going out for food on Christmas Day doesn't have to be a drama. In fact, as more and more restaurants now cater for those wishing to dine out on the most festive day of the year, it has now become easier and more convenient than ever before. Getting out of the house means you don't have to stress over cooking for hours on end. You're able to sit back, relax and spend some time with the family, and ultimately, that's what Christmas is all about. Another advantage to eating out is the choice on offer, and the fact that not everyone has to eat the same food. A large majority of restaurants will either offer a set menu or provide several options to choose from. So for vegetarians, vegans or dairy free members of the group, they don't have to feel awkward about asking for something that is better suited for them.

So this year, rather than tucking into your Christmas dinner with hair smelling of sprouts, in clothes splattered in goose fat and gravy, still wearing your slippers, why not get dressed up, relax and enjoy delicious food cooked by someone else. Spend time with the family rather than spending the day cooped up in the kitchen slaving away over a hot stove. The only real downside we can think of, NO LEFTOVERS. And that may well be the deal breaker for some. After all, what is Christmas without one of those weird, yet delicious midnight Turkey sandwiches, crammed full of every leftover imaginable?

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Updating your interior décor is the first step when it comes to spreading some festive cheer. Traditionally, the living room is the main gathering place for Christmas. Decorating a Christmas tree is a time honoured tradition for many households. It's wonderful to pass houses at this time of year with beautifully decorated trees taking pride of place in the window, decked out in festive lights and ornaments. The first step in decorating your tree is adding the lights. These will typically come on green or white wire strands. Choose a colour that matches your tree so the wire will be hidden. Illuminating your Christmas tree from the inside out will give it the most dynamic look. When it comes to baubles and tree decorations, to showcase your favourites, place them in prime positions on the tree first. Next, hang your larger ornaments, spacing them evenly and then fill in the gaps with the medium and smaller sized baubles. Be sure to hang some closer to the trunk to create interest and depth.

Once you have your Christmas tree in place, why not think about decorating the mantelpiece above the fire. Simple white lights set the stage for a warm mood. Create a seamless look throughout the room by using the same kind of lighting on your Christmas tree, fireplace, door frames and even your windows. Incorporating some of these lights with some seasonal, artificial foliage such as holly, ivy and berry branches will bring an outdoor winter element to the room. Place cream or off white pillar candles in a staggered configuration along with some small topiary plants, glass hurricanes filled with colourful Christmas ornaments and a festive wreath hung on the wall over your mantel arrangement to complete the look.

Christmas cushions, richly hued throws, fun festive kitchen dish towels, scented candles and glass bowls filled with Christmas ornaments will all add a festive touch around the home. Christmas decorating is all about bringing back those happy memories as well as creating new ones and thankfully, it's always a 'more the merrier' mentality with Christmas décor.

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It's a Wonderful Life

This movie is the Christmas classic to define all Christmas classics and is one of a handful of films worth an annual viewing. George Bailey has so many problems he is thinking about ending it all - and it's Christmas! As the angels discuss George, we see his life in flashback.

As George is about to jump from a bridge, he ends up rescuing his guardian angel, Clarence - who then shows George what his town would have looked like if it hadn't been for all his good deeds over the years.

Elf

Elf is a spirited, good natured family comedy full of Christmas cheer. Will Ferrell stars as Buddy, a regular-sized man who has been raised as an elf in the North Pole by Santa Claus. When the news is finally broken to Buddy that he's not a real elf, he decides to head to New York City, in search of his biological father – Walter Hobbs, a cynical book publisher played by James Caan. After a DNA test proves that Walter is in fact Buddy's father, he reluctantly attempts to start a relationship with Buddy with increasingly chaotic results.

Miracle on 34th Street

An old man going by the name of Kris Kringle fills in for an intoxicated Santa in Macy's famed annual Thanksgiving Day parade. Kringle proves to be such a hit with shoppers that he is soon appearing regularly at the chain's main store in midtown Manhattan.

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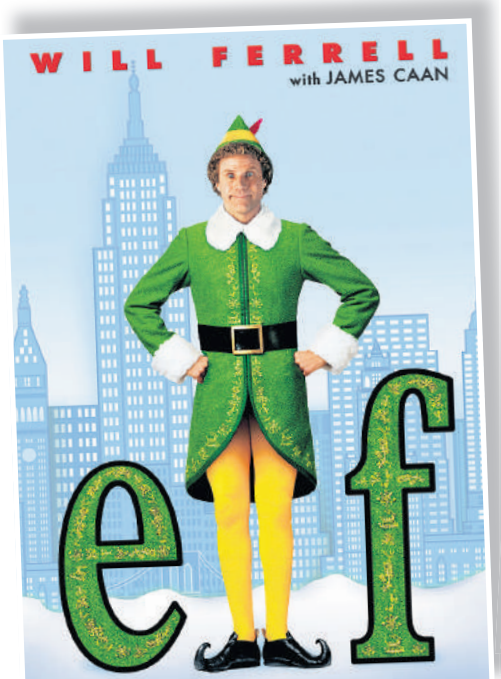

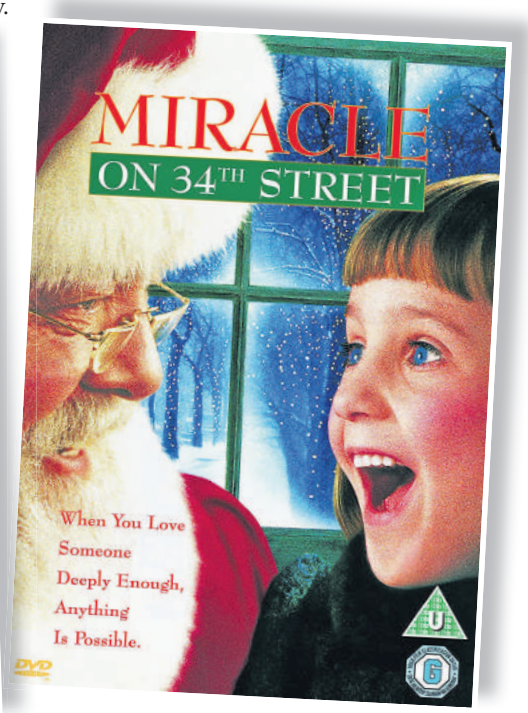

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Home Alone

This 1990 comedy is a favourite in many households and stars Macaulay Culkin as Kevin McCallister, a young boy who is mistakenly left behind when his family flies to Paris for their Christmas vacation. Kevin awakens to an empty house and he initially relishes being home alone. However, his excitement soon sours when he realises that two burglars plan to rob the McCallister residence, and that he alone must protect the family home.

Polar Express

Hollywood heavyweight Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis (Forrest Gump and Cast Away) reunited in 2004 for Polar Express, an inspiring adventure based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. When a doubting young boy takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

In this live-action adaptation of the beloved children's tale by Dr. Seuss, the reclusive green Grinch played by Jim Carrey, decides to ruin Christmas for the cheery citizens of Whoville. Reluctantly joined by his hapless dog, Max, the Grinch comes down from his mountaintop home and sneaks into town to swipe everything Christmas-related from the Whos. However, the bitter grump finds a hitch in his plans when he encounters the endearing Cindy Lou Who .

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2 large onions, peeled and chopped
4 carrots, peeled and chopped
4 stalks celery, chopped
2 sprigs fresh thyme
1 bay leaf
250ml dry white wine

Method

Prep: 30min Cook: 4hr
Extra time: 12hr30min Ready in: 17hr

1. Rub the turkey inside and out with the coarse salt. Place the bird in a large stock pot, and cover with cold water. Place in the fridge, and allow the turkey to soak in the salt and water mixture for 12 hours, or overnight.
2. Preheat your oven to 180 C / Gas mark 4. Thoroughly rinse the turkey and discard the brine mixture.
3. Brush the turkey with 1/2 the melted butter. Place breast side down on a roasting rack in a shallow roasting tin. Stuff the turkey cavity with 1 onion, 1/2 the carrots, 1/2 the celery, 1 sprig of thyme and the bay leaf. Scatter the remaining vegetables and thyme around the bottom of the roasting tin, and cover with the white wine.
4. Roast uncovered for 3 1/2 to 4 hours in the preheated oven, until the internal temperature of the thigh reaches 74 degrees C. Carefully turn the turkey breast side up about 2/3 through the roasting time and brush with the remaining butter. Allow the bird to stand about 30 minutes before carving.

Turkey Tip

Turkey cooks best if hot air is allowed to circulate underneath and all around the bird. Setting the turkey on a roasting rack is key. The fat drips down and can be collected in the roasting tin. The rack lets the air circulate and also keeps the turkey from soaking in its own fat.

Turkey Cooking Times

Turkey Weight	*Roasting Time (Unstuffed)*	*Roasting Time (Stuffed)*
4.5-8kg (10-18 lb)	3-3.5 hours	3.75-4.5 hours
7-10kg (15-22 lb)	3.5-4 hours	4.5-5 hours
10-11kg (22-24 lb)	4-4.5 hours	5-5.5 hours
11-13kg (24-29 lb)	4.5-5 hours	5.5-6.25 hours

When is my turkey done cooking?

The only reliable test for whether your turkey is done is the temperature of the meat, not the colour of the skin. The turkey is done when the thigh meat reaches an internal temperature of 74 degrees C.

If your turkey has been stuffed, it is important to check the temperature of the stuffing. The stuffing should be 74 degrees C as well.

A meat thermometer is a great investment and eliminates guesswork. But in a pinch, look for other signs that your turkey is done: check to see that the juices are clear and that the colour of the meat closest to the bone is no longer pink.

When your turkey is done, remove from the oven and allow to stand for 20 minutes before carving. After resting at room temperature, the juices are redistributed throughout the turkey and the meat stands up to carving better - the juices stay in the turkey, rather than on your work surface.

Transfer the turkey to a cutting board to rest and use the drippings in the roasting tin to make a beautiful gravy. Use a sharp knife for carving and serve the turkey on a warmed platter.

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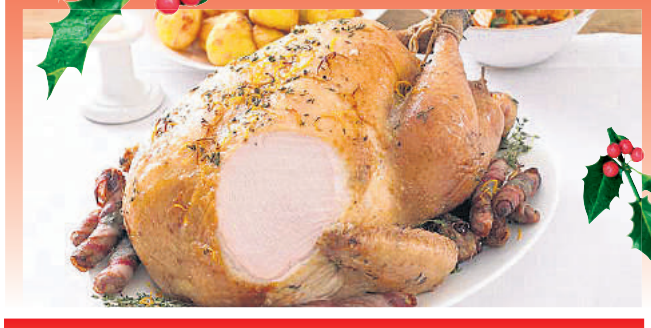

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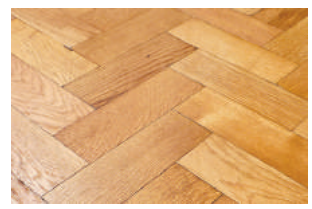

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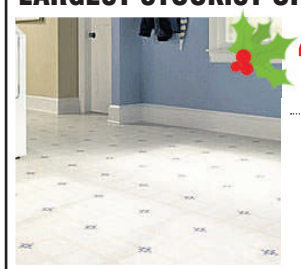

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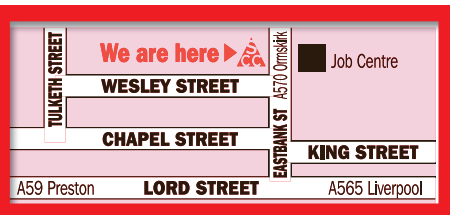

Just for Fun... Christmas Quiz

1. What is the greatest-selling Christmas single of all time?
2. If you were born on Christmas day, what would be your Zodiac sign?
3. Which Christmas item was invented by Tom Smith in 1847?
4. In the familiar song The 12 Days of Christmas, what is the gift on the fourth day?
5. The Pet Shop Boys had a UK Christmas Number 1 in 1987 with a song that was a signature hit for country star, Willie Nelson. What was the name of the song?
6. Advent candles are a popular Christmas tradition in many cultures. What does the word advent mean?
7. Which song was heard on both sides of the trenches on Christmas Eve 1914?
8. Which German city, famous for it's Christmas market (Christkindmarkt) and Christmas ginger bread (Lebkuchen) was once known as the 'ginger bread capital of the world?
9. What was the last UK Christmas No 1 of the 1970s?
10. Which King of England was crowned on Christmas day?
11. Which famous comedian died at Christmas in 1977?
12. Which Christmas song did Bing Crosby and David Bowie sing together?
13. Which popular Christmas song, originally recorded by Judy Garland, was first heard in the 1944 musical 'Meet Me In St. Louis'?
14. Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean is a territory of which country?
15. After leaving Bethlehem, to which country did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus travel?
16. Stollen is the traditional fruit cake of which country?
17. How many reindeer drive Santa Claus' sleigh (counting Rudolph)?
18. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner, from the play, A Christmas Carol?
19. Who tries to stop Christmas from coming, by stealing all things of Christmas from 'the who's'?
20. Which British pop group hold the record for earning the most Christmas Number 1 songs?
21. From which country does the word Noel originate?
22. What was the first Christmas song broadcast from space?
23. In which famous Christmas movie does Donald Trump make a brief appearance?
24. What Christmas decoration is an anagram of ULAEBBS?
25. What Christmas related food is made from a mixture of apple, dried fruit, candied fruit, spices and suet?
26. In which country is Lapland located?
27. What are the two main ingredients of a snowball cocktail?
28. As well as icing, what 'M' is traditionally used to decorate a Christmas cake?
29. What was the occupation of Saint Joseph?
30. How many points does a snowflake have?

Complete the title of each of the following Christmas films:

A. Holiday _
B. We're No _
C. Bad _
D. The Bells Of _ _
E. The Polar _
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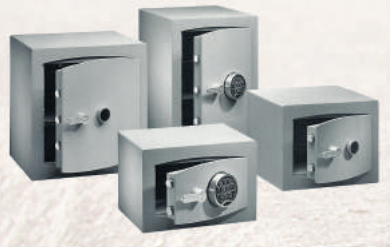

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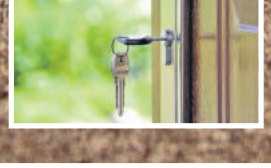

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